

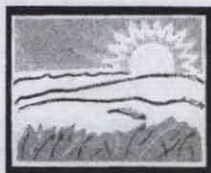
# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## JANUARY 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND NEW HORIZONS

January is a month of new horizons and goals. But it can also be a wonderful month to take a look back and see all of the accomplishments that proceeded in the past year.

Our most exciting accomplishment, the new Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library was completed in November and was able to celebrate with an open house that involved the whole community. The event began with a flag ceremony by American Legion, Post 100 and Post 454, along with the VFW Post 9323. Saxophonist Mark Vargas played the National Anthem while the flag was raised into the sunshine. Mayor Shirley Wadding spoke and over 150 people came to share the joy!



There are also many things to look forward to in the New Year! First, the Lake County Public Library Foundation will conduct the annual Read-A-Thon, scheduled to begin on January 14. This project encourages local schools and their students to participate in a six-week reading program to benefit the library, the school, and in the long term, the students. Each child participates by seeking sponsors and then reading as many books as possible within the six weeks. In the spring, the top winners are invited to a breakfast, along with their school principal and school librarian. Trophies are given to all students who raised money for the program. Gift cards from book stores are given to the

top students, placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place. Participating schools receive one-third of the total monies raised by their students for their library. Last year 1,124 students participated and over \$19,000 was returned to the participating schools!

The Library Foundation's annual Literary Tea is scheduled for Saturday, April 26.

This event has drawn a huge interest within the community. It is a wonderful catered event full of laughter, relaxation, prizes, and of course, a delightful presenter. This year the library is very excited to welcome South Shore Arts' Executive Director John Cain! So keep an eye out for flyers and advertisements in the paper. If you would like an invitation sent to you directly, please call the library at 769-3541, extension 315.

Don't forget that the library will also team up with the American Red Cross for our third annual summer blood drive on Wednesday, June 18. Last year the library collected 28 units of blood, which means that up to 84 lives were saved! We hope to do better in 2008.

So here's to the future!

Jennifer Burnison  
Marketing Manager



[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
editor Jennifer Burnison

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**New Year's Day**  
**Tuesday, January 1**  
all locations of the  
Lake County Public Library  
will be closed.

**MLK DAY**  
**Monday, January 21**  
all locations of the  
Lake County Public Library  
will observe  
regular operating hours.



## Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKReMARKS ONLINE DISCUSSION

If you are one of the few who have not read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, this is the perfect time to do so. The controversial film based on this story of tolerance, love, friendship, and redemption is due to be released in late December. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions, visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions Discussion program will be hiatus for January. Watch for the announcement for the new series of subjects in February! Any questions, call ext. 339.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 2, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### LIFE COACHING

Jan. 2, Wed. at 6:30pm Are you having trouble with a New Years' resolution? Retired Clinical Psychologists Dr. Myrna Sarowitz and Dr. Kris Risley will demonstrate what life coaching is all about and how it can help anyone through transitional phases in their lives. Life coaching is described as a value-oriented program that establishes milestones and actions to bring about positive growth in someone's life. Please register at ext. 317.

### GENEALOGY COMPUTER DATABASE SEARCHING

Jan. 8, Tues. from 10am to Noon Join our 'Indiana' Librarian for a fun class featuring a trio of Genealogy subscription databases: Ancestry Online, Heritage Quest Online, and ProQuest Obituaries. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Bring your ancestors' names, dates, and places. You'll be surprised how easy it is to explore these databases. Seating is limited; register at ext. 334.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Jan. 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

## READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

## GREAT ADVENTURES

### CIRCLE OF READERS

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* by Michael Pollan. When you are able to eat just about anything, your choices can be bewildering. What SHOULD you eat? For Michael Pollan on a fascinating tour of today's world of food, from farm to dinner table, and learn why the choices you make affect not only your well-being, but that of the environment that sustains you. Please register at ext. 340.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Jan. 11, Fri. at 9:30am Adults are invited to this free program for adults co-sponsored by the Centier Advantage Club. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for further details.

### IT'S YOUR HEALTH

Jan. 14, Mon. at 6:30pm As part of a four-part workshop series, Registered Nurse Miriam Asya will lead a discussion on how personal choices affect your health. This workshop, *It's Your Health and You Have a Lot To Do With It*, will address the general issues of how obesity, smoking, alcohol consumption, and sedentary lifestyle shorten life expectancy and reduce quality of life. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Jan. 16, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Jan. 18, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Please join us for this informational and interactive session focusing on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias, such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be attended prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Please register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES

Jan. 18, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm This free monthly informational and interactive session will focus on advanced topics in relation to caring for individuals with progressive dementia. Topics by various speakers will include handling behavior/communication changes, assisting with activities of daily living (i.e. bathing and dressing), planning of activities, and addressing difficult transitions, as in the loss of driving. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class. Please register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

### WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

Jan. 21, Mon. at 6:30pm As part of a four part workshop series, Registered Nurse Miriam Asya will lead a discussion with an overview of weight management issues and popular methods for weight control. Titled *Weight Management, There Are So Many Ways To Do It*, the discussion will include strategies such as exercise, calorie reduction, fat intake reduction, low-carb diets, diet pills and shakes, and surgeries. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Jan. 23, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will



Club and Wal-Mart, the store that became the number one retailer in the world. Refreshments will be served.

#### BOOKS AND CHAT

Jan. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion. This masterful and compelling memoir chronicles her husband's death, as their daughter lies in a coma, and her attempt to make sense of a time when nothing made sense. It is a story about getting a grip and getting on while dealing with disaster, as well as a tribute to an extraordinary marriage.

#### FUNNY FILM FEST

Jan. 17, Thurs. at Noon Teens, 11 years of age and older, will enjoy hilarious movies while making terrific movie snacks. Join the fun!

#### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Jan. 22, Tues. at 2pm Since the collapse of communism in 1989, the Czech Republic has become an increasingly popular tourist destination. Traveling from Prague, through Bohemia and into Southern Poland, viewers will visit the vestiges of bygone eras and find a new culture blossoming in the heart of Eastern Europe. Refreshments will be served.

#### BUBBLE WRAP

Jan. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Every member of the family (5 years of age and older) will celebrate *Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day* with unique crafts, games, and stories.

#### LOSING WEIGHT THE HEALTHY WAY

Jan. 29, Tues. at 2pm Learn about weight loss and the use of vitamins, nutraceuticals, natural foods, food supplements, and diet medications. Bryan Mumaugh, Doctor of Pharmacy at Methodist Hospitals, will discuss these and other concerns about healthy and effective methods of losing weight.

#### PLAYSTATION MANIA

Jan. 30, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play a wide variety of PlayStation games. Food and pop will be provided. Join in on the fun!



#### Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

#### HISTORY VIDEO

Jan. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm The film *Alias Nick and Nora* examines the careers of William Powell and Myrna Loy, who are best known for portraying Nick & Nora Charles in the *Thin Man* movies. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 8, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss the engrossing novel, *Snowflower and the Secret Fan*. It is a deeply affecting story of lifelong friends, Lily and Snow Flower, their imprisonment, and their betrayal by pride and love. Author Lisa See presents in-depth research into women's ceremonies and duties, reveals the intricacies

of arranged marriages, the inferior status of women in their home, and the superstitions that form daily life in remote 19th century China. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 9, Wed. from 10am to Noon A nurse from Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. Walk-ins welcome.

#### CROSSROADS

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Representatives from the Hoosier Highlander Stationery Store will supply paper and assorted products necessary to make a Valentine Card. Refreshments will be served. This program is co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Please register for this free program by calling the bank at 972-7353.

#### GORDON WILDER TRAVELOGUE

Jan. 14, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will share magnificent photographs of his recent trip to Russia. The slideshow will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Register.

#### INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 17, Thurs. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *Sophie's Heart* by Lori Wick. This is the story of a recent Czech émigré, who finds work as a housekeeper for widower Alec Riley and his 3 children. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Jan. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we discover the state of Georgia. Through film we will explore Savannah, Atlanta, and Reed Bingham State Park, as well as visiting the boyhood home of former President Jimmy Carter, and the Cabbage Patch Hospital. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### STAMP CAMP

Jan. 23, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin's Up's Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

#### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss *Mind Prey*, John Sandford's story featuring Minneapolis' Deputy Chief Lucas Davenport who has plunged into the darkest recesses of the criminal mind. His newest nemesis is even more deadly than those he has tracked in the past—a kidnapper and cruel, wanton killer who knows more about mind games than Lucas, himself. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jan. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Life With Father* is based on the writings of Clarence Day Jr. The film depicts the story of his childhood in New York with his stern, but loving, father and his relationship with his mother and brothers. The film stars William Powell, Irene Dunne, and Elizabeth Taylor. Refreshments will be served. Register.

## Happy New Year!

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## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.  
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

#### GUITAR HERO PRE-SEASON OPEN PLAY

Jan. 4, Fri. from 2pm-4pm The time has come to demonstrate your skills during the pre-season. Yes, that means our tournament series begins soon. Teens, 12 to 18 years of age, practice your skills and find out how to register for the season. More information, including rules and regulations can be found on our blog at <http://htwpgaming.blogspot.com> and on our wiki <http://lcp1hot.pbwiki.com>. Please register.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 8, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### BOOK CHAT

Jan. 15, Tues. at 2pm In this final installment of the J. K. Rowling's series, Harry, along with his friends, battle Lord Voldemort in a thrilling adventure. Join in this discussion of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*.

#### NATIONAL CORN CHIP DAY

Jan. 30, Wed. at 6pm Calling all corn chip lovers! Everyone is invited to come and learn a little more about this favorite snack and enjoy a snack of their own. Fun for the whole family. Please register.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

#### GAMING FOR TEENS: OPEN PLAY

Jan. 12, Sat. from 2pm-4pm Spend a cold January day playing *Guitar Hero* and *DDR* at the library. Jam with our Red Octane controllers or dance away to hit songs. Check out the gaming blog: [www.htwpgaming.blogspot.com](http://www.htwpgaming.blogspot.com) for more information. Refreshments will be provided. Please register.

#### MEET THE MOUSE

Jan. 14, Mon. from 2pm-4pm, or Jan. 28, Mon. from 6pm-8pm This is an introductory computer class that teaches participants how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as review essential parts of a computer including common terminology. Registration is required.

#### BASIC WINDOWS

Jan. 15, Tues. from 2pm-4pm, or Jan. 23, Wed. from 6pm-8pm This computer class is the next step for beginning computer users. Participants will learn about the keyboard, the Windows set-up, word processing, and finding help. Attendance is limited. Registration is required.

#### NAVIGATING THE NET

Jan. 16, Wed. from 2pm-4pm or Jan. 30, Wed. from 6pm-8pm Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's homepage

while learning about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World wide Web. Registration is required.

#### INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL

Jan. 17, Thurs. from 2pm-4pm, or Jan. 21, Mon. from 6pm-8pm Learn how to create a free e-mail account with Yahoo Mail. This class will educate users on sending/receiving mail, the address book, and other basic email functions. Participants must have basic knowledge in using a mouse, or have attended the *Meet the Mouse* class. Registration is required.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 22, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### FREE LEGAL ADVICE

In honor of the national holiday celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the Indiana State Bar Association, along with the First Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, is providing *free legal information and advice* to the general public on a one-on-one basis at the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library, 2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station from 12:30pm to 6:30pm. This offer is open to anyone who wants or needs to discuss legal issues or has a legal question. No registration or appointments required.



### Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

#### A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Jan. 16, Wed. at 7pm Barbara DeBolt of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Falstaff* by Giuseppe Verdi. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation. Please contact the library for possible location change

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## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 24, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm In *The Rich Part of Life* by Jim Kokoris, Teddy and his brothers find their lives thrown into turmoil by the death of their mother and, soon afterwards, a winning lottery ticket that leaves the family with more money than they ever imagined.

## GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Jan. 31, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Federalist* by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

## INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Jan. 7, Mon. at 1pm This film series features an award-winning, independent film each month. Call the library at 322-4731, for this month's feature. These films are for mature audiences and have not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Many films are in other languages with English subtitles. Refreshments served.

## VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Jan. 16, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will visit the larger-than-life landscapes, dizzying peaks, and mysterious cities of Peru in this 50 minute travel video. Refreshments will be served.

## STAMP CLASS

Jan. 29, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Stampin'Up! Participants will work on two or three projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies provided. Please register.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

## SIT & KNIT

Jan. 2 & 16, Wed. at 6pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

## VIDEO SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Jan. 8, Tues. at 1:30pm Though he started as just a poor boy from Cincinnati who could sing and play guitar, he became "King of the Cowboys." In this video biography, viewers will explore the life of legendary cowboy Roy Rogers. Refreshments served. Please register.

## Friends of the library

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## Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Born January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to promoting civil rights and social justice for all Americans, but especially for the African Americans who had lived without them for so long. A Baptist pastor and doctor of theology; co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; one of the leaders of the March on Washington in 1963 which raised public awareness of the civil rights movement and led to the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964; one of America's greatest orators, as demonstrated by his famous "I Have a Dream" speech delivered at the time of the March; and Time magazine's Man of the Year in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. became the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 at the age of 35 for his efforts to end racial discrimination and segregation through non-violent means. On April 4, 1968, King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, the victim of the hatred he had spent his life combating. A true American hero, King was the recipient of innumerable honors and awards, culminating in the establishment of Martin Luther King Day as a national holiday in 1986.

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Martin Luther King Jr. will be found on the Upper Level during the month of January.

*Let the Trumpet Sound: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
by Stephen B. Oates (B KIN OATE)

*Martin Luther King, Jr.: His Life, Martyrdom, and the Meaning for the World* by William Robert Miller (B KIN MILL)

*I Have a Dream: The Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Jim Haskins (B KIN HASK)

*Bearing the Cross: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership* by David J. Garrow (B KIN GARR)

*Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-1963*  
by Taylor Branch (973.0496 BRAN)

*We Shall Overcome: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Black Freedom Struggle* ed. by Peter J. Albert and Ronald Hoffman (323.092 WESH)



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**The Library's Mission:** The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

The AARP is seeking energetic volunteers to assist seniors with their taxes at the Lake County Public Library in Merrillville and its branches.

Interested volunteers can reach Lynn Waltz at 219-838-2794 or at LW8615@netzero.net.

Want to know more about the "Friends of Lake County Public Library" organization? Or are you looking for volunteer opportunities? Fill in the following and just drop it off at any branch for the Public Relations Department or call 769-3541, ext. 317.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please send me more "Friends" information

☐ Please send volunteer information

#### Meet A Foundation Board Member!

*Sandra Davis –  
Lake County Public Library  
Foundation Officer*



Sandra Davis has been a Foundation Member since 2006 and is currently serving as Secretary.

The Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed to administer funds received and provide a continuing source of income for library materials. The Foundation hosts special events to make this possible. In 2007, the Foundation hosted a Literary Tea where Kirk Muspratt from the Northwest Indiana Symphony entertained and dazzled guests. The Foundation also held a Read-a-Thon for area school children.

The Foundation always welcomes new and energetic members. If you would like more information, or if you interested on attending the next meeting, please call 769-3541, ext. 315.



#### WALKING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, are invited to walk in a Winter Wonderland. Celebrate the season with winter stories, songs, and crafts. Please register at ext. 360.



## Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming January 2008



#### THE LIFE OF A KING

Jan. 21, Mon. at 10am School age children, kindergarten and up, as well as parents, are invited to attend our annual program celebrating the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### GLOBAL BELLY LAUGH DAY

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can share a belly laugh or two through stories, songs, games, and a silly craft. Children are welcome to wear mismatched clothes and will join in a global belly laugh at 4:24pm. Please register at ext. 360.

### CALUMET TOWNSHIP

#### Black Oak Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

#### SNOWY VILLAGE

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm This week is Chicago's snowiest according to past records. Celebrate by making a snowy scene, whether the weather cooperates or not! Please register.

#### Forty-First Avenue Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

#### NEW YEAR BASH

Jan. 9, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, are invited to celebrate the New Year with stories, music, and games. We will make a time capsule and have a snack. Please register.

#### STORY & A MOVIE MATINEE

Jan. 19, Sat. at 1pm Families are welcome to come and enjoy a story, along with a movie, popcorn, and a drink. Please register.

#### THE BEAT GOES ON

Jan. 30, Wed. at 3:30pm Kids 11 and older are invited to hear the work of African American Poets and create a writing journal. Please register.

#### Griffith Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

#### SATURDAY VISIT WITH *WIND IN THE WILLOWS*

Jan. 12, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will hear a chapter from the Kenneth Graham classic *Wind in the Willows*, make a home and hearth craft, and watch the Disney version of this timeless tale. Please register.

#### SUPER TOTS

Jan. 14, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by a care giver, will take basic shapes and turn them into snowmen, and listen to a winter story. Please register.

#### HEAT WAVE

Jan. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm Think Summer! We will make an edible swimming pool as we enjoy the story *Heat Wave*. Please register.

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**Griffith Branch...continued****PRE-SCHOOL WINTER SPECIAL**

Jan. 22, Tues. at 1pm or Jan. 25, Fri. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will make puffy snowmen and enjoy stories and songs about snowmen. Please register.

**HOME SCHOOLER'S TUESDAY**

Jan. 29, Tues. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten through 8th grade, will learn a little about World War II blackouts from *Don't You Know There's A War On?*, and then turn a single battery into a working flashlight. Please register.

**GAME NIGHT**

Jan. 31, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young adults, 7th through 12th grade, will share their favorite board games and plan for Spring events.

**Cedar Lake Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

**SNACK & PLAN**

Jan. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the TAB, Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

**BOOKS & BABIES**

Jan. 8, 22, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, ages 6 to 23 months, accompanied by a parent or care giver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities, and rhymes.

**TODDLER TIME**

Jan. 10, 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 years of age, accompanied by a parent or care giver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

**IS SEEING BELIEVING?**

Jan. 10, Thurs. at 4pm Children in grades kindergarten and up will enter a world where all is not as it first appears. They will hear stories and make a craft, while experiencing optical illusions and visual tricks.

**CHESS**

Jan. 14, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids, in grades 3 and older, will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

**IT'S FREEZING!**

Jan. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a craft as they get a break from the cold.

**FUNNY FILM FEST**

Jan. 17, Thurs. at Noon Teens, 11 years of age and older, will enjoy hilarious movies while making terrific movie snacks. Join the fun!

**CRAFT CORNER - ANTARCTIC ANTICS**

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will enjoy a time of stories and crafts as we look at penguins and explore the wonders of the Antarctic.

**BUBBLE WRAP**

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**PLAYSTATION MANIA**

Jan. 30, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games. Food and pop will be provided. Join in on the fun!

**Highland Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

**HAPPY NEW YEAR BUSY BEES!**

Jan. 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will welcome the New Year with stories, songs, games, and treats at the library. Please register.



**BROWN BAG MOVIE**

Jan. 4, Fri. at 12:30pm The holiday break is almost over, but don't despair. Everyone is invited to bring a lunch and a drink, and we will provide the popcorn. Munch away while watching *Ratatouille* on the library's big screen. It's the story of a rat named Remy who dreams of become a chef, and becomes an unlikely partner with a kitchen worker in Paris. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, ages 6 to 35 months, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute, interactive, nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement on four consecutive Tuesdays this month. Please register.

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Jan. 10, Thurs. from 5:30pm to 7pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (7th through 12 grades), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens, as well as younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time.

**ESKIMO TALES**

Jan. 11, Fri. at 4pm After hearing the Eskimo tale, *The Polar Bear Son* and other tales, school age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will make an Eskimo mask and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Please register.

**TODDLERS: LET IT SNOW**

Jan. 14, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds, accompanied by a care giver, will listen to winter tales with related activities. Please register.

**BUSY BEES: PENGUINS ON PARADE**

Jan. 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Penguins love to parade in the cold and snow, and pre-schoolers will, too. This story hour, designed for 3 to 5 year olds, will also have a very special penguin craft will follow. Please register.

**TODDLERS: IT'S ALL ABOUT ME!**

Jan. 28, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, age 2, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy stories depicting toddlers and their ever increasing abilities. Please register.

<b>HOBART TOWNSHIP</b>
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**Hobart Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

**GUITAR HERO PRE-SEASON OPEN PLAY**

Jan. 4, Fri. from 2pm-4pm The time has come to demonstrate your skills during the pre-season. Yes, that means our tournament series begins soon. Teens, 12 to 18 years of age, practice your skills and find out how to register for the season. More information, including rules and regulations can be found on our blog at <http://htwpgaming.blogspot.com> and on our wiki <http://lcplhot.pbwiki.com>. Please register.

**A SNOWY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Jan. 8, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Jan. 9, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about snow, participate in songs, finger plays, and make paper winter sleds. Please register.

**IT'S MARDI GRAS**

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, are invited to join us for a fun Mardi Gras party. Children will learn about New Orleans and make Mardi Gras necklaces. We will serve Mardi Gras cake and lemonade. Children are welcome to wear costumes or bring a mask.

**WINTER TODDLER STORY TIME**

Jan. 31, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers (ages 24 to 35 months of age), accompanied by a care giver, will hear snow stories, participate in finger plays, songs, and make a simple snow craft. Please register.

**All locations of the Lake County Public Library will observe normal operating hours  
Monday, January 21, 2008 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



## Lake Station-New Chicago Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

### TIP TOP TWO's

Jan. 8, Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by an adult care giver, are invited to attend this lap sit story time. Both children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

### GAMING FOR TEENS: OPEN PLAY

Jan. 12, Sat. from 2pm-4pm Spend a cold January day playing *Guitar Hero* and *DDR* at the library. Jam with our Red Octane controllers, or dance away to hit songs. Check out the gaming blog: [www.htwpgaming.blogspot.com](http://www.htwpgaming.blogspot.com) for more information. Refreshments will be provided. Please register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Jan. 16, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Children, ages 3 to 5, can take part in this winter story time which will include stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft.

### BELLY LAUGH DAY

Jan. 24, Thurs. at 4:30pm Share your favorite joke or riddle to participate in *Belly Laugh Day*. School age children, kindergarten and up, can join in this fun program!

## Munster Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

Due to construction, there will be no children's programs at Munster in January. Please check the many other Lake County Public Library branches for events.

## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

## Dyer-Schererville Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Jan. 8, 15, 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. This is a 3 week session and children are encouraged to attend one session each week. Please register.

### COOK A BOOK

Jan. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear the story *Chicks and Salsa*, and prepare Nachos and Salsa to enjoy as they watch a film. Please register.

### BRRRRRR! SNOW, SNOW, SNOW

Jan. 19, Sat. at 1pm No need to wear a coat and mittens for this Saturday afternoon fun with snow. Enjoy making ice-cream, a snow craft, and watch a snow movie. Please register.

### CHESS KNIGHT

Jan. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess and learn new strategies to improve their skills. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4th Monday of each month. Please register.

## St. John Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

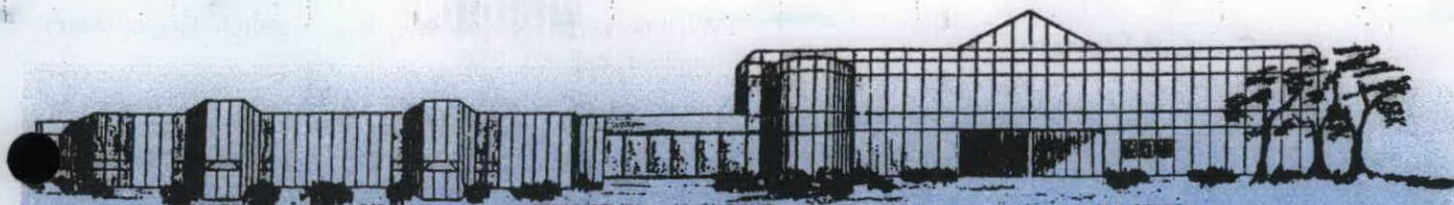
### FIRESIDE STORIES

Jan. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Jan. 16, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will gather around the fireplace to hear stories, songs, finger plays, and enjoy a cup of cocoa. Registration is required.

### INTERNATIONAL CREATIVITY MONTH

Jan. 18, Fri. at 4pm School age children, grades 3 and up, will enjoy spending an hour exploring various art forms. Some of the forms may be messy, so please dress appropriately. Registration is required.





# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**FEBRUARY 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library**

**www.lakeco.lib.in.us**  
editor Jennifer Burnison

## Library Lover's Month



February is "Library Lover's Month." According to *Chase's Calendar of Events*, this month is "a time for everyone to recognize the value of libraries." In an effort to remind you of some of the things you have access to through the library, I thought I would come up with a list of things I love about the Lake County Public Library.

1. Free access: As a resident or property owner in the Lake County Public Library taxing district, I have free access to all library materials and services.
2. A web address that links me to a wide variety of information about the Lake County Public Library including branch locations, programs, adult services, children's services and job opportunities: Through the Useful Web Sites I can find links to a wide variety of information available on the World Wide Web. Through the Community Resource Directory, or LakeNet, I can find information about local agencies and organizations. Through the Magazines, Newspapers and Databases link I can find full text articles on a variety of topics. Best of all, I can search the library catalog from home and place holds on all those bestsellers I am dying to read. I can also check my patron information by entering my library card # and 4 digit pin # to renew my own materials or find out

where I am in the waiting list for my requests.

3. Free computers for public use: The library's public computers provide me with access to the Internet and Word.
4. Films: Access to a wide variety of feature films including new releases, television shows, children's titles, foreign titles and a wide selection of educational titles
5. Bestseller Express, Second Time Around, Always Something New, Keys to the Good Life and Su Biblioteca: Through these featured book collections, I have access to new materials, bestsellers, health information, and Spanish language materials.
6. Graphic Novels: The library currently owns several hundred graphic novels. Some of the more popular titles with our teens are: *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*, *Bone*, *ElfQuest*, the *Marvel X-Man* series, *Oh My Goddess!*, and *Tokyo Mew Mew*.
7. Books on Tape or CD: Complete with sound effects and different voices for the main characters, books come alive on CD
8. Programs for all ages: A wide range of programs for all age groups
9. Newspapers and Magazines: A wide selection of magazines and newspapers available for browsing or checkout

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10. Reference services: Answers to my questions and help using the library's resources

I hope my list has reminded you of some of the things you love about our library! Stop in soon and check us out!

Kathy Deal  
Highland Branch Manager





## Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKreMARKS

February's online discussion will be the story *Kindred* by Octavia Butler in which a 20<sup>th</sup> century woman experiences 19<sup>th</sup> century slavery through time travel. While living in the past, she encourages events that will ensure her existence in the future. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussion visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### GENEALOGY PUBLICATION

Feb. 2, Sat. from 10am to 11:30am Join Marlene Polster, Lake County Genealogist and Vice President of the NWI Genealogy Society, for a slideshow presentation about preparing your genealogy for publication. Check out some books about creating your lineage and heritage scrap book. Please register at ext. 334.

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Feb. 4 through 27, Mon. and Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Join in on this ongoing class for adults learning English as a second language. For more details call ext. 309.

### NUTRITION STRATEGY FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT & HEART HEALTH

Feb. 4, Mon. at 6:30pm As part of an ongoing workshop series, Registered Nurse Miriam Asya will be here to lead a discussion on practical issues of nutrition for health and weight control. Topics will include reading nutrition labels, good fat versus bad fat, smart choices in fast food, and ways to trim your favorite recipes. Please register at ext. 317.

### GENEALOGY SEARCH

Feb. 5, Tues. from 10am to Noon Join our Indiana Reference Librarian for this class featuring our trio of Genealogy computer databases: *Ancestry Online*, *Heritage Quest Online*, and *ProQuest Obituaries*. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Bring your ancestors' names, dates and places.

### READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

**FICTION TO CELEBRATE  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

You'll be surprised how easy it is to search. Registration is required; call ext. 334.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 6, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Feb. 6, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### STUDY CIRCLE: SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER

Feb. 7, 14, 21, Thurs. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Join in on this continuing discussion regarding children's performance in school. To reach success parents, students, and adults from all walks of life need to be involved. Through this study circle, participants will have the opportunity to both listen and offer new ideas to address this problem and take steps toward our children's educational future. Hosted by Brad Clinehens of Purdue University's Cooperative Extension, adults are invited to join in this discussion. Please register at ext. 339.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Feb. 11 & 26, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm This discussion group begins the 2008 series with the topic: Iraq end-game. Briefing books, which contain all eight topics for the year, are now available. The charge for the books is \$5.00. There is a limited supply, so if you are undecided as to whether or not you wish to join for the entire series, please come as a guest to the first meeting. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Feb. 13, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Heartless Stone: A Journey Through the World of Diamonds, Deceit, and Desire* by Tom Zoellner. Valentine's Day brings dreams of romance! flowers! diamonds? The abrupt return of his diamond engagement ring by his erstwhile fiancée prompted the author's journey to the heart of darkness that he discovered within the mystique of this glittering gem. Register at ext. 340.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Feb. 15, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. This monthly class should be taken prior to attendance at the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



## Ask a Librarian



### CALUMET TOWNSHIP

#### Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the **Black Oak Branch** for more information about [Happenings@your.library](mailto:Happenings@your.library).

#### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

#### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 11, Mon. at 12:30pm How is it that Sister Agatha, a cloistered nun in the New Mexican desert, finds herself the prime suspect for the murder of Father Anselm? Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Bad Faith* by Aimee and David Thurlo.

#### BOOK BUDDIES

Feb. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm *Saratoga Trunk* by Edna Ferber unfolds the tale of Clio Dulaine, an ambitious Creole beauty, who meets her match in handsome Texan, Clint Maroon. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion.

#### Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.griffith.htm)

#### BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 20, Wed. at 7pm For years, 17 year old Peter Houghton has been verbally and physically abused by his classmates. One final incident of bullying sends him over the edge and the lives of Sterling, New Hampshire residents change forever. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of Jodi Picoult's *Nineteen Minutes*.

#### GRIFFITH GAB

Feb. 25, Mon. at 1pm He was born a congenital amputee, his arms ending at his elbows, and his legs at his knees. But that didn't stop Kyle Maynard from becoming a champion! *No Excuses* is an inspiring story of this young man's battle against the odds and the faith that strengthened him to face the toughest fights. Join our discussion of how his parents' "no excuses" attitude enabled him to learn to eat, type, write, and live without hands.

#### Free Individual Income Tax Assistance

Tax counselors will provide free assistance for seniors and low income persons with income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills, and all federal and state booklets that you received in the mail must be brought in with you. Dates and times will vary from February to April and an appointment is required. Please call 980-5180 to schedule your appointment.

**Q:** I bought an old doll at a school auction. Someone told me it's a "Bru" and could be very valuable. How can I find out what it's worth?

**A:** The Lake County Public Library system subscribes to a database called "p4a Antiques Reference". It's a great place to find auction results on all sorts of antiques. From the library home page ([www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)), click on "Magazines, Newspapers & Databases" on the left of the screen. From the list of databases, go to "Business/Investments" and click on "p4a Antiques Reference". On the database search screen type "bru" for a keyword and choose "dolls" from the category list and click on "search". At the results screen, you will see many small photos of Bru dolls; click on the photo and you will get the auction result. From the results, you can see how much a Bru doll can sell for.

#### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Feb. 15, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Trina Lynch Jackson, assistant professor for Ivy Tech Community College North-Central, with over 20 years of healthcare experience, including establishing the first freestanding Alzheimer's assisted living facility in Valparaiso, will speak on care giver stress. In addition, Cynthia Rivas, Executive Director of Healthy East Chicago, will speak on her personal experience and how Alzheimer's disease affects families. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

#### KNITTING CLASS

Feb. 20, Wed. at 11am Beginners can learn the basics of knitting and the experienced can improve their skills in this knitting class provided by instructor Judith Arand. Please register at ext. 317.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Feb. 20, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Feb. 27, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.





## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 2, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Blue Jay" on an 8x10 inch canvas. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

### SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 4, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

### SCRAP BOOKING

Feb. 4, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class.

### HISTORY VIDEO

Feb. 12, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore the life of a brilliant statesman, scientist, architect, and our nation's 3<sup>rd</sup> president – Thomas Jefferson. Discover how America's dashing Renaissance Man helped define the principles and ideals of a young nation. Refreshments will be served.

### GAMES UNPLUGGED

Feb. 18, Mon. at 4pm Teens and 'tweens' play games without electricity: board games, card games, word games, and strategy games. Munch on pizza and sip some pop, too! Join in on the fun.

### PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 19, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint "Flame Tree" on an 8x10 inch canvas. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

### BOOKS AND CHAT

Feb. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Devil and Miss Prym* by Paul Coehl. This novel of temptation is a thought-provoking parable of a community devoured by greed, cowardice, and fear—as it struggles with the choice between good and evil. Coehl lyrically and masterfully confronts moral dilemmas.

### LEAPIN' LIZARDS & FROGS –IT'S LEAP YEAR DAY!

Feb. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate Leap Year Day with a variety of jumping and counting activities, along with fun stories. Everyone will make a calendar and a leapin' frog.

## Staff Recommends

### REAL ESTATE INVESTOR'S COLLEGE

Ever wished you had the time for a one-on-one, in person seminar led by a world authority on real estate prosperity? With *REAL ESTATE INVESTOR'S COLLEGE* on DVD, property investment guru Dolf de Roos demonstrates field-tested strategies and insider techniques designed for novice and seasoned real estate investors alike. This 6 disc set offers an in-depth compendium of how-to tips for creating and perpetuating property income, then allows you to sit in on a series of international question-and-answer sessions featuring specific real estate queries from program participants.

#### Disc One:

*Real Estate Riches*

#### Disc Two:

*Discussions with Dolf-The Caribbean*

#### Disc Three:

*Discussions with Dolf: Santa Monica/Las Vegas/Cape Coral*

#### Disc Four:

*Discussions with Dolf: New York/San Diego/San Francisco*

#### Disc Five:

*Discussions with Dolf: New Zealand/Napa Valley*

#### Disc Six:

*Discussions with Dolf: Squaw Peak/Minnesota/Seattle*

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME. LONDON & BEYOND

Feb. 26, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will begin their tour in London, visiting traditional sites and contemporary attractions. Then branch out to the countryside, visiting Jane Austen's house and the megaliths of Stonehenge. Then it's across the channel to Brussels, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Refreshments will be served.

### PLAYSTATION MANIA

Feb. 27, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens and 'tweens,' 11 to 18 years of age, will play a wide variety of PlayStation games. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!



## Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### HISTORY VIDEO

Feb. 4, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Highlighted with classic Marx Brothers' jokes and routines, *Groucho-A Life in Revue* is a two act play that takes viewers through the life of Julius Henry "Groucho" Marx. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### TRAVELOGUE WITH GORDON WILDER

Feb. 11, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of High-



land will show slides of his trip to the Vatican Museum on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### WEDNESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 12, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss Gina Kolata's engrossing *Flu, The Story of The Great Influenza Pandemic*. This is a fascinating look at the 1918 epidemic that wiped out nearly 40 million people in just one year. Copies of the book will be available for pickup at the circulation desk. Please register.

#### SEWING CLUB

Feb. 12, Tues. at 6pm Adults and teens can join Joanna Smith and work together on a sewing project. You are always welcome to bring your own project or join the group on the project planned for the evening. Call the library for more information. Please register.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 13, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### CROSSROADS

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank, in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library, hosts a free monthly program. Call 972-7353 for more details and to register. Refreshments are served.

#### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Feb. 18, Mon. at 2pm & 6:30pm Travel through Arizona, a state rich in natural beauty. Visit the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley Tribal Park, the OK Corral in Tombstone, and watch Navajo weavers create tapestries. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 21, Thurs. at 2pm Lynn Austin explores the lives of four women in Michigan during World War II in *A Woman's Place*. They become fast friends after taking "Rosie the Riverter" jobs in a local factory. Copies of the book will be available for pick up at the circulation desk. Please register.

### Board of Trustees @ your library

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#### GARDENING

Feb. 21, Thurs. at 7pm A representative from Allen Landscape will be opening our 2008 Gardening Program Series. Call the library for further details. Please register.

#### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Feb. 25, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm The Marx Brothers provide an evening of insanity as their antics nearly cause a riot on ship in this classic feature film *Night At The Opera*. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### STAMP CAMP

Feb. 27, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin' Up! representative Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan will demonstrate several paper products created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration required.

#### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss Robert Parker's 15<sup>th</sup> Boston PI Spenser title: *Crimson Joy*. Psychotherapist Susan Silverman helps Spencer and Hawk capture a serial murderer who turns out to be one of her patients! Please register.



### HOBART TOWNSHIP

#### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.  
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

#### TEEN IDOL IS COMING!

Now is the time to start practicing your singing skills. On March 24<sup>th</sup> teens will have a chance to compete in our *Library Idol* event. Rules and FAQs can be found on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Registration begins March 1.

#### WANTED: LIBRARY IDOL JUDGES

Ever wished you could be a judge on American Idol? Do you have what it takes to be an objective and open minded judge? Here's your chance! Teens, 12 to 17 years of age, should submit an essay detailing qualifications in 100 words or less. Include your name, age and phone number. Essays may be dropped off at the Hobart Branch or the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch libraries or submitted via our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com) before February 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Carol at the Hobart library for more information.

#### SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASSES

Feb. 4, 18, Mon. at 1pm Looking for simple, yet delicious recipes? Join in on this special class where a recipe will be demonstrated and taste tested. Augment your recipe collection with recipes that will be provided. Registration required.



## Hobart Branch...continued

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 12, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### BOOK CHAT

Feb. 19, Tues. at 2pm Lt. Joe Leaphorn comes out of retirement after he receives a letter from his old partner, retired cop Mel Bork, questioning conclusions about the closed case. He has stumbled across new evidence of a burned-out trading post that leads to the disappearance of a friend. After reading this fascinating mystery, join in a discussion of *The Shape Shifter* by Tony Hillerman.

### GAMING FOR TEENS

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2007 Central Ave.  
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### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 26, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### TEENS TALK

Feb. 27, Wed. at 3:30pm Harry Potter fans, between the ages of 12 to 17, who have finished reading *The Deathly Hallows* will enjoy a lively discussion about Harry Potter and all his adventures. The 7<sup>th</sup> book will be available for check-out starting Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Refreshments will be served. Please register.



## Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 4637

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

### A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Feb. 6, Wed. at 7pm Barbara Belinda Potoma of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *The Barber of Seville* by Gioacchino Rossini. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation. Please contact the library for possible location change.

### TEENS ONLY!

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 3:30pm ~~Cancelled~~ Teens (12 and older) are invited to a PlayStation playoff! Participants can take turns playing *Dance*, *Dance Revolution* and *Guitar Hero*. Registration is required to attend and must be done no later than February 12<sup>th</sup>.

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Feb. 20, Wed. at 7pm George Meschel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Eugene Onegin* by Peter Ilich Tchaikovsky. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation. Please contact the library for possible location change.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 28, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm *The Pursuit of Alice Thrift* by Elinor Lipman introduces the reader to a socially inept surgical intern at a Boston hospital. Alice is pursued romantically by shady social climber Ray Russo, until her roommate and her neighbor decide to guide Alice through the social complexities of life.

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Overcoat* by Gogol.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 4637

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Feb. 4, Mon. at 1pm Each month an award-winning independent film will be presented. Call the library for the title of



this month's feature. Films are for mature audiences and have not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Refreshments will be served.

### TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Feb. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 8 & 26, Fri. & Tues. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting in this class taught by experienced instructor Pat Mahns. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost materials provided, which is due at the time of class. Participants must attend both sessions to complete a 9"x 12" canvas called *First Snow*. Registration is required.

### VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Feb. 20, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will go snow skiing, bird watching, and historic site-seeing in this one hour travel video of New Mexico. Refreshments will be served.

### STAMP CAMP

Feb. 26, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour working on a few projects created with rubber stamps with the help of Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Please register.

### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Feb. 27, Wed. at 7pm or Feb. 28, Thurs. at 10:15am Readers will discuss *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. This portrait of the immigrant experience follows the Ganguli family from their traditional life in India to their arrival in Massachusetts and through their melding into the American lifestyle.

### KNIT & PURL

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 6pm Experienced and beginning knitters are invited to gather for a relaxing evening of stitching. Beginners will receive instruction from April Muller, experienced crafter. A list of supplies needed for beginners is available at the library.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

### SIT & KNIT

Feb. 6 & 20, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

### STAMP CLASS

Feb. 11, Mon. at 6:30pm Adults will spend an hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few project using rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class for the materials provided. Registration is required.

### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Feb. 12, Tues. at 10:15am An author with writer's block finds that there is a hook in the deal he makes with another author to use his unpublished story. Join in this discussion of *The Hook* by Donald Westlake. Please register.

### BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Feb. 12, Tues. at 1:30pm Jean Harlow turned bit comedic parts into box office success. Explore the life of the platinum bombshell in this video biography. Refreshments served. Please register.

## Highlighting the Life and Times Of...

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky, Abraham Lincoln grew up on the Indiana frontier. He became the 16th president of the United States (March 4, 1861-April 15, 1865) and was the first to be assassinated (on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre at Washington, DC). His presidency was completely dominated by the Civil War. One of the great highlights of this bitter period was his Emancipation Proclamation freeing the slaves, issued January 16, 1863, though they did not actually become free until April, 1865, after the War had been fought and won by the Union. His Gettysburg Address of November 19, 1863, with its commitment to democracy, is one of the classic speeches of all time. His proclamation of October 3, 1863, inaugurated an annual national day of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November. One of history's truly great men, Lincoln's birthday is observed as a part of Presidents' Day in most states, though the actual day, February 12, remains a legal holiday in Illinois.

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Abraham Lincoln will be found on the Upper Level through the month of February.

*The Age of Lincoln* by Orville Vernon Burton  
(973.7 BURT)

*Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin (973.7092 GOOD)

*Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America* by Allen C. Guelzo (973.714 GUEL)

*Abraham Lincoln* by Thomas Keneally (B LIN KENE)

*Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years* by Carl Sandburg (B LIN SAND)

*The Eloquent President: A Portrait of Lincoln Through His Words* by Ronald C. White (B LIN WHIT)



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## Gifts and Tributes @ your library

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from June through December.

Bill Retseck  
Christine DeHart LeVan  
Donna Kelley  
Christopher Crawford  
Ruth Stockhouse  
Mary L. Mathis Taylor, Dr. Ph., RN  
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Marjorie & Kevin DeVries  
Marge Jones/Turkey Creek Garden Club  
Lea Mansotte  
Susan Kaufman  
Roseanne Sopher  
Ruth Weinberg  
Mary Wesolowski  
Applebee's  
Chili's

Cracker Barrel  
Dairy Queen  
Dunkin Donuts  
Hobby Town  
Joe's Crab Shack  
Kentucky Fried Chicken  
Old County Buffet  
Panera Bread  
Railcats  
Streak & Shake  
Strack & Van Til  
Wendy's  
White Castle  
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# Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming FEBRUARY 2008



**Central Library** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

## **PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Feb. 11 through Mar. 18, Mondays at 10am, 1pm, 7pm or Tuesdays at 10am, 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to participate in this six-week story hour with a new theme each week. Please register at ext. 360.

## **CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE! CHOCOLATE!**

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 4pm School age children from kindergarten through 3rd grade will enjoy chocolate stories, crafts, and activities. Don't forget to bring your sweet tooth! Please register at ext. 360.

## **FAMILY HERITAGE EXPERIENCE**

Feb. 23, Sat. from 2pm to 3:30pm Families are invited to experience the African American Culture through the voices of Chicago storytellers – Baba Tony Brown and Kucha. Local artists' works will be featured and refreshments will be served. Please register beginning Feb. 4th at ext. 360.

## **LEAPING INTO LEAP YEAR**

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will celebrate the day that only happens once every four years through stories, games, and a craft. Children will need to bring a small, clear lid for one of the games. Please register at ext. 360.

## **CALUMET TOWNSHIP**

## **Black Oak Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

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Feb. 12 through Mar. 18, Tuesdays at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to participate in this six-week story hour with a new theme each week. Please register.

## **TIRE TRACK T-SHIRT**

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will play with paint, stencils, and a toy race car to make a unique t-shirt. While other supplies will be provided, please be sure to bring a plain white t-shirt. Registration required.

## **Forty-First Avenue Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

## **WE LOVE OUR PETS**

Feb. 5, Tues. at 3:30pm Families are invited to hear stories about pets, share a picture of their own pet, and make a special frame. Please register.

## **PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Feb. 14 through Mar. 20, Thursdays at 11am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a six-week story hour full of fun stories, games, and crafts. Please register.

## **SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES**

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear tales from the *Spiderwick Chronicles* series, play games, and make a craft. Please register.



## Griffith Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Feb. 4, 11, 18, Mon. at 10:30am Enjoy a lap-sit program for the very young, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, using music, movement, and the rhymes of Mother Goose. Please register for this three-week program.

### HOME SCHOOLED TUESDAY

Feb. 5, Tues. at 1pm Children who are home schooled, kindergarten through 6th grade, will learn how a one room school house worked, while creating a modern version of a slate. Please register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 8 through Mar. 18, Fridays at 10:30am or Tuesdays at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy books, music, games, and finger plays. Please register for the Friday or Tuesday six-week session.

### SATURDAY MORNING WITH PETER PAN

Feb. 9, Sat. at 10:30am Children of all ages will enjoy a chapter from *Peter Pan* and make a fairy wand to bring home. Please register.

### VALENTINE SWEETS

Feb. 13, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will try their hands at making candy. Please register.

### SUPER TOT TIME

Feb. 25, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will make a Queen of Hearts puzzle and enjoy the story of *The Missing Tarts*. Please register.

## Cedar Lake Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

### SNACK & PLAN

Feb. 4, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

### CHESS

Feb. 11 & 25, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 12 through Mar. 18, Tuesdays at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Registration is required.

### TODDLER TIME

Feb. 14 & 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories, games, and crafts in a celebration of Valentine's Day.

### GAMES UNPLUGGED

Feb. 18, Mon. at 4pm Teens and 'tweens' will play games without electricity: board games, card games, word games, and strategy games. Munch on pizza and sip some pop, too! Join in on the fun.

### LEAPIN' LIZARDS & FROGS -IT'S LEAP YEAR DAY!

Feb. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will celebrate Leap Year Day with a variety of jumping and counting activities, along with fun stories. Everyone will make a calendar and a leapin' frog.

### PLAYSTATION MANIA

Feb. 27, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens and 'tweens,' 11 to 18 years of age, will play a wide variety of PlayStation games. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!



## FUN & GAMES

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will play games, including *Guitar Hero* and *Dance, Dance Revolution*.

## Highland Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Feb. 5, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with books, songs, movement and rhymes. Please register.

### TODDLER VALENTINE HUGS & KISSES

Feb. 11, Mon. at 10:30am Stories about hugs and kisses, active songs, and a Valentine treat will be enjoyed by 2 year olds, accompanied by their caregivers. Please register.

### VALENTINE CRAFT

Feb. 11, Mon. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will make a special Valentine craft. Please register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

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### PRE-SCHOOLERS: BE MINE

Feb. 12 or 13, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Participate in a special Valentine's Day program of stories, songs, activities, and a yummy Valentine treat!

### PRINCESSES & KNIGHTS

Feb. 19 or 20, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Hear-ye, Hear-ye: Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are hereby invited to wear their most regal attire to hear tales of daring-do, followed by a craft befitting their royal highnesses. Dragons admitted upon request!

### TODDLERS: LET'S GET DRESSED

Feb. 25, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver will enjoy stories and participate in active songs, finger plays, and flannel board activities about getting dressed.

### MARVELOUS MITTENS

Feb. 26 or 27, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will warm to the wonders of *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, along with other stories, songs, and a marvelous mitten craft!

## HOBART TOWNSHIP

## Hobart Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

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**Hobart Branch...continued****SPRING PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

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**CHOCOLATE COVERED EVERYTHING!**

Feb. 13, Wed. at 4pm Everything tastes better covered in chocolate! Children in 4th grade and up are invited to enjoy chocolate-covered-everything this Valentine's Day. Please register.

**VALENTINE'S DAY SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM**

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, Kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear Valentine's stories and create their own Valentine paper bags and Valentine's cards. Please register.

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**Lake Station-New Chicago Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

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**TIP TOP TWO's**

Feb. 12, Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to attend this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Feb. 13 through Mar. 19, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to the new library to take part in this six-week program that includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

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**BIRD FEEDERS**

Feb. 28, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, can celebrate 'Bird Feeding' month as we make bird feeders. Please register.

**Munster Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

**TERRIFIC 2's & 3's**

Feb. 11, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time that includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities. The theme is Polar Bears & Penguins.

*Cancelled*



**FANTASTIC 4's & 5's**

Feb. 12, 19, 26, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to storytimes that include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. The themes are Polar Bears & Penguins, Opposites, and Fairy Tales.

**SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES**

Feb. 13, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will take a closer look at the world around them just as Jared, Simon, and Mallory do in the *Spiderwick Chronicles*. Prepare for a fantastic adventure.

**TEENS ONLY!**

Feb. 14, Thurs. at 3:30pm ~~Teens (12 and older)~~ are invited to a PlayStation playoff! Participants can take turns playing *Dance, Dance Revolution* and *Guitar Hero*. Registration is required to attend and must be done no later than February 12th. *Cancelled*

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Feb. 20, Wed. at 10:30am Children, 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to join our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and activities geared to help early childhood development. It's never too early to start reading to your baby! *Cancelled*

**SNOW!**

Feb. 27, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will explore the world of snow, have a snowball fight, and make a CD snowman to hang outside.

**ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP****Dyer-Schererville Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

**JAR BROWNIES FOR YOUR VALENTINE**

Feb. 9, Sat. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make 'Jar Brownies,' with decorated tops. Samples of the baked brownies will be enjoyed, too. Please register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Feb. 12 through Mar. 19, Tuesdays at 1:30pm or 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can join in this six week program consisting of stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Register for the six-week session that best suits your schedule.

**COOK-A-BOOK**

Feb. 13, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will hear the story *The Little Red Hen*, participate in activities, and enjoy cherry topping with cake in honor of National Cherry Month. Please register.

**CHESS KNIGHT**

Feb. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess to learn new strategies and improve their skills. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4th Monday of each month. Register.

**St. John Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

**STAMP CLASS**

Feb. 9, Sat. from 1pm to 2pm Children, ages 8 and older, will join our Stampin'Up! consultant to create a Valentine's Day project. There is a \$3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials, payable at the time of the program. Registration is required.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Feb. 12, 19, 26, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Feb. 13, 20, 27, Wednesdays at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a six-week session filled with stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Registration for the February sessions required.



# Valentines Word Ladder

Directions: Change one letter in the first word to make the 2nd word. Then change one letter in the 2nd word to make the 3rd word, all the way to the bottom

From DEAR to LOVE in 6 steps

DEAR

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LOAD

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LOVE



From DEAR to LOVE  
From LOVE to HEART

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Valentines Word Ladder  
Answer Key

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From LOVES to HEART in 7 steps

LOVES

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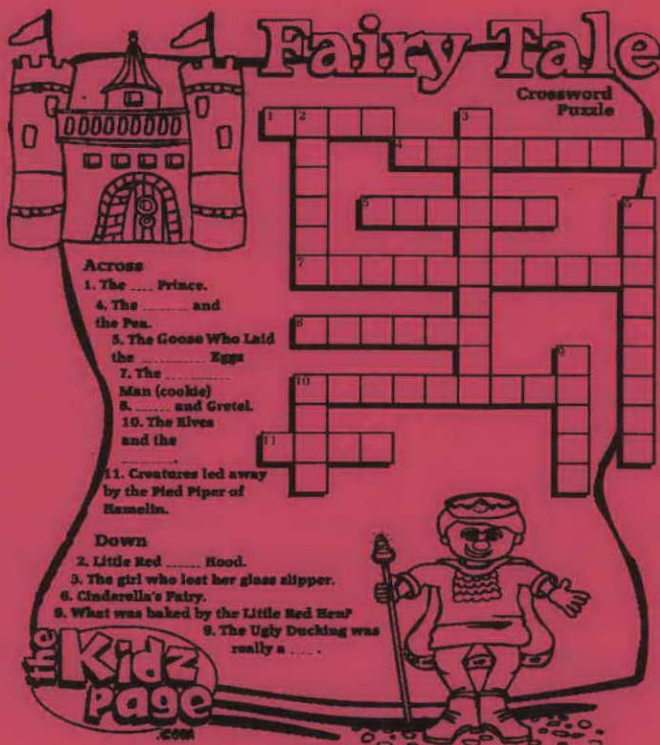
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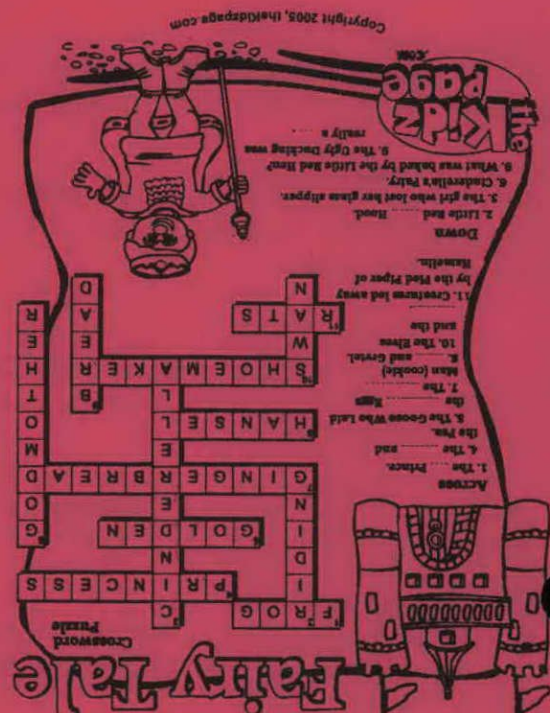
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# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MARCH 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library**

## Enticing Libraries and Events

Wow! Things are stirring in the Hobart Township area.

First off, the recognition of our new Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library has to be acknowledged. This 16,000 square foot building was designed with you, the library patron, in mind. Not only is it the most beautiful building in town (I'm biased of course), but it's packed full with amazing things. There are 12 internet computers, aisles of movies, countless shelves of books, magazines galore, graphic novels, picture books for little ones, cookbooks for aspiring chefs, scrapbooking ideas in the thousands, not to mention the 130-person community meeting room, small conference rooms, and teen area. I'm bragging I know, but you simply have to visit this building!

And let me say that the Hobart Branch is not too shabby either. After surviving a major renovation in 2006-2007, Hobart now has new reading areas with comfy chairs, a beautifully redesigned meeting room, and cool teen area (with great views of Lake George). There are even more movies, books, and services to boot.

If my gushing about our libraries does not entice you to visit, then perhaps one of these programs will appeal. On the teen scene, we have our first ever YouTube contest. Create a video about why you love the library, upload it to YouTube and send me the link. If directing and producing videos is not your style, perhaps you would be able to belt out a song in our Teen Idol competitions? Four finalists from both branches will be chosen to compete in our Teen Idol Grand Finale on April 11. Audience participation is a necessity on April 11, as audience members vote for the winner. Of course, there are rules to accompany these events, so visit our blog

at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com) for the specific details. Should neither of these programs be of interest, perhaps you are an exceptional bubble gum bubble blower? Then we hope to see you at one of our Got Gum? events (see inside for details).

We never forget our littlest patrons and naturally have programs just for them. At both branches we have events for toddlers, ages 24-36 months, where we share stories, finger plays, and songs. Our preschoolers can attend story hours in which they visit extraordinary lands, learn funny finger plays, and dance to action songs (so they are ready for nap time later). Fun Fact: story hour builds motor skills and stronger vocabularies!

Delectable delights, book discussions, and computer classes encompass some of our adult programs. Join Lacey for a three week easy cooking class, where she will demonstrate (and allow you to taste test) simple recipes. Or travel around with Charlie Kate in the book, *Charms for the Easy Life* by Kaye Gibbons and share your thoughts about Kate's adventures during our monthly book chat. Read about more adult programs inside.

If this preview still has not tempted you to visit the Hobart or Lake Station-New Chicago Branches, then I need to hear from you! Send me comments about the type of programming you would like to see via our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com).

See you soon!  
Carol Daumer Gutjahr  
Hobart Township Manager

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
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### Spring Holiday Hours:

All branches of the  
Lake County Public Library  
will observe normal operating  
hours on Friday, March 21

**Closed**

Sunday, March 23.





## Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKREMARKS ONLINE

This debut novel in the Ellie Haskell mystery series remains one of Dorothy Cannell's most popular books, even after two decades of writing. *hhThe Thin Woman* includes romance, hidden treasure, and eccentric relatives in the English countryside. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarques.htm>.

### LAKE COUNTY: THE EARLY DAYS

Mar. 1, Sat. at 2pm Step back in time with Bruce Woods, Director of the Lake County Historical Museum, who will narrate a slide-show featuring artifacts that stand as a reminder of earlier ways of life in Lake County. Learn about your ancestors' farm implements, household items, clothing, and musical instruments. There is even a full-size replica of the canoe used by French explorer, LaSalle, to explore Northwest Indiana. Be sure to stop and view the items on display in the Periodicals department. Refreshments will be served. Call 769-3541, ext. 334 to register for this interesting program.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 5, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 5, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Mar. 11 & 25, Tues. at 6:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental, educational organization, to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence our lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's topic: *The European Union at 50*. Briefing books, which contain all eight topics for the year, are now available. The charge for the book is \$5.00. There is a limited supply, so if you are undecided as to whether or not you wish to join for the entire series, please come as a guest to the meeting. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find

information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### MUSIC PROGRAM: TRAVELER'S DREAM

Mar. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm Bring your friends and family to a night of traditional and Celtic music. *Traveler's Dream* will be here to connect listeners with its excellent musicianship, wide array of instruments and traditional music styles, and warm rapport with the audience. These dynamic performers are comfortably at home playing music drawn from a variety of musical traditions - Celtic, French-Canadian, early American, and an occasional original composition. Rich vocal harmonies are supported by diverse modern and ancient instruments which include the Scottish small-pipes, concertina, Irish flute and whistle, guitar, fife, bouzouki, Quebecois foot percussion, and mandolin. Please register by calling ext. 317.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky. Beginning in Paris on the eve of the Nazi occupation in 1940, this is the endlessly fascinating story of men and women thrown together in every possible circumstance. It comprises the beginning sections of a planned five-part novel, unfinished because the author was arrested and deported to Auschwitz. There she perished before she completed the story. Lost for 64 years, it has recently been published to great acclaim; one reviewer characterizing it as "the last great fiction of the war." Register at ext. 340.

### 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Mar. 14, Fri. at 9:30am Adults are invited to this free program for a travel showcase through Ireland, co-sponsored by the Centier Advantage Club. For further details, please contact Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350.

### GARDENING

Mar. 18, Tues. at 7pm The 2008 Gardening Series will begin with Master Gardener Dolly Foster as she discusses "Perennials for the Sun and Shade." Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Mar. 19, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library, or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Mar. 21, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Please join us for this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias, such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be taken prior to taking the advanced dementia class. Please register toll free (888) 303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/DEMENTIA

Mar. 21, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm "A Closer Look at Early stages of Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia" conducted by Barbara Dzikowski, Program Director of ASNI. The more we learn about Alzheimer's disease, the more we know that each stage of the disease presents a very different profile. Because persons in early stages are now speaking up in record numbers than ever before about the challenges they are facing, we are learning volumes about how we can better respond to these changes. Please join us for this seminar that will discuss the experience of early Alzheimer's/dementia as well as strategies to help persons in early dementia better manage

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## Great Minds Ask @ your library

**Q:** I'm doing research on Harper Lee, the author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. I need a photo, if possible.

**A:** You can access the Wilson Biographies Plus through our library's website. ([www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)) Databases can be accessed from home if you have a resident card with us. Click on "Magazines, Newspapers and Databases" on the left hand side. Under "Biographies" click on "Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated". From the Wilsonweb site, choose "Biographies" and type in "Harper" and "Lee". The results will give you a biography as well as a photo.

the changes they are experiencing. Both caregivers, and those in early dementia, are welcome to attend.

The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class. Please register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Mar. 26, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session, where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm Detective Inspector Duncan Kincaid is finally taking a holiday from his stressful job at Scotland Yard. After renting a time-share condo in the north of England, the assistant manager there is found electrocuted in the whirlpool. Then a guest is bludgeoned to death on the tennis court. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Share in Death* by Deborah Crombie.

### BOOK BUDDIES: TO AMERICA

Mar. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm Stephen Ambrose, author of *Band of Brothers* and *D-Day*, reflects on his long career as an American historian and explains what a historian's job is all about. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *To America: Personal Reflections of a Historian*.

## Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

### BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 19, Wed. at 7pm San Francisco socialite and art dealer to the stars, Bibi Chen plans a trip with her friends to China and Burma. Before the tour begins, she dies. She now has the ability in her disembodied existence to tune into the thoughts and feelings of her social group as they continue the excursion without her. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of Amy Tan's *Saving Fish from Drowning*, a satire filled with absurdity and magical realism.

### GRIFFITH GAB

Mar. 24, Mon. at 1pm The moment Katz and Orson meet is when a dog springs from his traveling crate at the airport, panicking the baggage claim area. Their relationship becomes deep, stormy, and loving, but this border collie turns out to be a great herder of school buses, a scholar of refrigerator raiding, and a dud at herding sheep. Join us for a discussion of *A Good Dog, the Story of Orson, Who Changed My Life*, a deeply touching book in which the author, Jon Katz, tells the story of his intense, smart, crazy, and unforgettable lifetime dog.



## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 W. 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 1, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "English Farmhouse" on an 8"x10" canvas. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

### SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

### SCRAP BOOKING

Mar. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a two-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 dollar fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Join the fun!

### KNITTING CLASS

Mar. 3 & 17, Mon. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

### PIZZA TASTE-OFF

Mar. 5, Wed. at 4:30pm Teens (11 through 17 years of age) will enjoy a variety of pizza and decide which is their favorite. They will also make their own pizza and play games.

### HISTORY VIDEO: MARY MAGDALENE, THE HIDDEN APOSTLE

Mar. 11, Tues. at 2pm Mary Magdalene was a woman of

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wealth, whose financial support was crucial to the early survival of Christianity. Drawing on ancient texts, rare art and research, this far-reaching portrait compares the evidence we have with the stories we have heard. Refreshments will be served.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 17, Mon. at 6:30pm or Mar. 19, Wed. at 2pm or Mar. 27, Thurs. at 2pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Registration is required.

#### PLAYSTATION MANIA

Mar. 18, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens (11 through 17 years of age) will play a wide variety of PlayStation games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes! Snacks and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

#### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 19, Wed. at 1pm or Mar. 27, Thurs. at 1pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Registration is required.

#### BOOKS AND CHAT

Mar. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm Readers will discuss *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. The author of *The Kite Runner* tells the heart wrenching history of the last three decades in Afghanistan as seen through the eyes of two women, raised separately and from different generations, but brought together by the forces of war, loss, terror, and love.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 20, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Registration is required.

#### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Mar. 25, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will learn why the Mediterranean has been called the "crucible of Western Civilization" when they tour 12 of its most wondrous ports via the big screen. Refreshments will be served.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL BASICS

Mar. 26, Wed. at 6:30pm Participants will learn the basics of using email, including setting up a free account, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments. Registration is required.

#### ART ATTACK - FAMILY STORY TIME

Mar. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages may choose from a variety of crafts to create art for home and for display at the library. They will hear and participate in fun and creative tales, too!



### Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322

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#### HISTORY VIDEO: FRANK SINATRA

Mar. 3, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Take a revealing look at the life of Frank Sinatra from his boyhood in New Jersey through his career as an actor and singer. Join us for this nice tribute to his musical legacy. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## the Staff Recommends

### ...Indiana Magazines

**Indianapolis Monthly Magazine** - is a comprehensive city magazine dedicated to the vital details of living in Indianapolis. The magazine brings readers information on every facet of Indianapolis living including entertainment, fashion, real estate, the arts, dining education, travel, interior decorating, business, government plus up-to-date information on local Indianapolis events. It's the magazine for Indiana life.

**Indiana Game & Fish** - is an important source for local hunting and fishing information for America's outdoorsmen. It contains the latest where-to-go and how-to information for hunters and anglers. The magazine does a district by district breakdown of Hoosierland's top rated harvest counties based from last season. Some of the magazines features are the Angler's Guide, Roundup for new guns, ammo and scopes, Guide to the latest camouflage and rain gear, boats, outboards and electronics.

**Lake Magazine** - This magazine has more information and exclusive features than any other magazine/periodical in the region; spanning the regions from Traverse City, Michigan, to Door County, Wisconsin, to Hammond, Indiana. Read about people and places that make this area the most exciting, diverse and beautiful in the Midwest. For every season, there is a reason to visit the LAKE, explore the possibilities all year long!

**Lake Michigan Shore Style & Culture** - is a glossy, hot looking, slick magazine that doesn't have a shelf life. Shore is published by the local newspaper, The Times. Features included in the issues are: Bite and Sip which you can guess is about eateries, House and Grounds, Essential Events section which covers happenings, exhibitions, film, performance and interest. The magazine covers Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

#### TRAVELOGUE WITH GORDON WILDER

Mar. 10, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Gordon Wilder will show slides from his trip to Italy including the Amalfi Coast, Florence, and many other cities. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 11, Tues. at 2pm Reuben "Rube" Land, an asthmatic 11 year old, recalls the events of his childhood in small town Minnesota circa 1962, when his older brother guns down two intruders and escapes from prison. Copies of *Peace Like A River* by Leif Enger are available at the circulation desk beginning Feb. 12; please register.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 12, from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### HIGHLAND CRIME WATCH MEETING

Mar. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police will hold their bi-monthly crime watch meeting at the Highland library. No registration is necessary.



## CROSSROADS

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank, in co-sponsorship with the Highland Library, offers a free monthly program on pertinent topics for adults. Refreshments are served. Please call 972-7353 for this month's subject matter.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: FLORIDA

Mar. 17, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we travel across Florida visiting Cape Canaveral, St. Augustine, Cypress Gardens, Key West, and the Everglades. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 20, Thurs. at 2pm A dark shadow of fear has fallen over Newpointe, Louisiana as a serial killer targets the wives of the town's firemen. Fireman Mark Branning is determined to keep his estranged wife, Allie, safe. Join us as we discuss *Private Justice* by Terri Blackstock – the first title in the Newpointe 911 series. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk after Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>; please register.

## THE LONG BLOOMING GARDEN

Mar. 20, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Dolly Foster will provide tips on planning a garden so that there is something blooming from March through October. Please register.

## CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN: YOUNG AT HEART

Mar. 24, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm A cynical hard luck musician finds happiness and a new outlook when he falls in love with a small town girl. *Young at Heart* features Frank Sinatra and Doris Day on the library's big screen. Refreshments will be served.

## MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 7pm Set in Victorian England, the sheltered lives of the Ellison daughters is shattered when their maid is murdered in *The Cater Street Hangman* by Anne Perry. When Inspector Pitt arrives to question the family, he forms an unlikely alliance with Charlotte Ellison. Copies of the book will be available after Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at the circulation desk. Please register.

## CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN: HOOSIERS

Mar. 31, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Small town Indiana high school basketball is featured in this film that stars Gene Hackman, Barbara Hershey, and Dennis Hopper. *Hoosiers* will be shown on the big screen and refreshments will be served. Please register.



## HOBERT TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

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942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm)

## TEEN TECH WEEK: YOUTUBE CONTEST

Mar. 2 to 8 What about the library do you love? The books; the atmosphere? Gaming online or checking out free movies? Create a YouTube video to show us why you love your library. Contestants must be teens between the ages of 12 to 17. Upload your video to YouTube, email us the URL and then sit back and watch the votes come in. A detailed list of rules can be found on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Deadline for video submissions is Saturday, March 8.

## TEEN TECH WEEK: TUNE IN @ THE HOBERT LIBRARY

Mar. 3-8 is Teen Tech Week and a good opportunity to have some fun. Teens (10 to 17 years of age) can vote for their favorite songs through our blog, submit a YouTube video about the library, attend our *Teen Idol* competitions, and more. Stop in at the Hobart Library for more information.

## COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 4, Tues. from 10am to Noon Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 8, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

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## Highlighting the Life and Times of:

### LOUIS L'AMOUR

Known for "the kind of storytelling that makes the wolves come out of the woods to listen," Louis L'Amour is the most famous writer of western novels in the world. He, however, did "not distinguish Westerns at all from other kinds of novels," stating that "If you are going to characterize my stories, I would prefer to have them called stories of the frontier." He wrote some 86 novels, over 400 short stories, several works of non-fiction, and a book of poetry. Though his works are famous for their readability, L'Amour also made sure that every detail in them was correct, so they give the reader a very accurate sense of time and place. Born in Jamestown, North Dakota, L'Amour left school at 15 so as not to be a burden to his family. He worked as a longshoreman, lumberjack, elephant handler, hay shocker, miner, cattle skinner and professional boxer, and he traveled all over the world. This great variety of experience, as well as a life-long devotion to reading, greatly enriched his writings. He died on June 10, 1988, the only novelist in America to have been awarded both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. On March 22 we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of Louis L'Amour will be found on the Upper Level during the month of March.

*Education of a Wandering Man* by Louis L'Amour  
(B LAM LAMO)

*Louis L'Amour, His Life and Trails: an Unauthorized Biography* by Robert Phillips (B LAM PHIL)

*The Western: a Collection of Critical Essays*  
by James K. Folsom, editor (813.0874 FOLS)

*Louis L'Amour* by Robert L. Gale (813.52 GALE)

*A Trail of Memories: the Quotations of Louis L'Amour*  
(813.52 LAMO)

*The Louis L'Amour Companion* by Robert Weinberg  
(813.52 WEIN)



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#### TUNE IN & VOTE!

Mar. 13 to Apr. 13 The YouTube contest entries are in with links posted on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Watch the videos and vote for your favorite. Voting will take place for a whole month (Mar. 13 to Apr. 13). Vote early and vote often!

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#### BOOK CHAT

Mar. 18, Tues. at 2pm In Kaye Gibbons' *Charms for the Easy Life*, Charlie Kate travels around the country with her herb bag as a midwife and healer, even delivering her own daughter, Sophia. But in 1904 her marriage ends, and she and Sophia live alone until her daughter gives birth to Margaret, the narrator.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL BASICS

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#### LIBRARY IDOL AUDITIONS

Mar. 24, Mon., from 2pm to 4pm Think you are *American Idol* material? Here's your chance to compete against other teens, 12 to 17 years of age, in the area. Show off your singing skills at our hometown audition at the Hobart Library. Finalists must be able to compete on April 11 at the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library. Rules and FAQs are on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Teens must pre-register with their name, song title, age, and phone number by calling 942-2243.

#### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

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#### SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASSES

Mar. 3, 7, 11, 13, Mon. at 1pm Demonstrated will be a simple, yet delicious, recipe along with the opportunity for taste testing. In addition, other recipes will be provided to enhance your collection

with simple, easy, yet tasty meal directions. The class is limited to 10 participants, so registration is required.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 25, Fri. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### TEEN GAMING: OPEN PLAY

Mar. 25, Tues. from 2pm to 4pm It's Spring Break and time for another Gaming Day. So if you aren't spending your vacation basking in the sun, then jam at the library to *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*. Our Red Octane controllers and dance pads are a great way to enjoy hit songs. Refreshments will be provided.

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#### Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 27, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 1:30pm *After This* by Alice McDermott is a portrait of an American family during the 1960's. The novel evokes the social, spiritual, and political turmoil of the era as seen through the experiences of a middle-class couple and their children.

#### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Ecclesiastes* (Bible), a selection from the fifth series of *Great Books*.

#### FREE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

##### AN APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED

Tax counselors will provide free assistance for seniors and low income persons with income tax preparation. Last year's tax return, property tax bills, and all federal and state booklets that you received in the mail must be brought in with you. To schedule please call 980-5180.

#### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Mondays & Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Beginning March 17, classes will be offered for adults learning English as a second language at the Central Library in Merrillville. These lessons place emphasis on conversation, as well as reading and writing English. Participants should bring a pencil, paper, and a desire to learn. To join this ongoing class, please register at 769-3541, ext. 309.





## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

#### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Mar. 3, Mon. at 1pm The Independent Film Series features an award-winning independent film each month. Call the library for this month's title. The films are for mature audiences and have not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Many films have English subtitles. Refreshments served.

#### MAKING MEMORIES -- A FAMILY PROGRAM

Mar. 4 through Apr. 15, Tues. from 5:30pm to 7:30pm All are invited to participate in this free program presented by South Shore Arts for parents and their school aged children (3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades) on writing, book-making, reading, music, drama, and art. Each week a special presenter will highlight a specific component of the arts. Each family will create a memory book. A boxed lunch will be provided. Registration is required.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Mar. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

#### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 10, Mon. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting in this class taught by experienced instructor, Pat Mahns. There is a class fee of \$14 to cover the cost of all materials. The project will be an 8"x 10" canvas "Bluejay." Registration is required.

#### STAMP CAMP

Mar. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration required.

#### VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Mar. 19, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will enjoy old-time mountain music, bluegrass, country, rock & roll, and blues, while looking at the history and artifacts of Tennessee in a one hour travel video. Refreshments will be served.

#### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Mar. 26, Wed. at 7pm or Mar. 27, Thurs. at 10:15pm In a tale spanning 25 years, a doctor delivers his newborn twins during a snowstorm. When he realizes that one of the babies has Down Syndrome, he turns her over to a nurse who secretly raises the child. Join in this adult discussion of Kim Edwards' *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

#### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 3, Mon. or Mar. 8, Sat. at 1pm Explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic mouse skills and a basic understanding of the computer desktop are needed to fully participate. Class size is limited. Registration is required.

#### STAMPIN'UP!

Mar. 10, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration required.

#### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Mar. 11, Tues. at 10:15am Peter Lovesey's *Diamond Dust* sets Detective Peter Diamond on the trail of a murderer who is trying to kill the wives of policemen in general, and his wife specifically! Copies of the book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Please register.

#### BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Mar. 11, Tues. at 1:30pm Viewers will follow the life of Shirley Temple, from her movie debut at age 3, to her political appointments later in life. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

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audio cassettes, magazines,  
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Lake County Public Library  
Merrillville

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
9:30am to 4pm.

### Prom & Gown Project

**Are** you wondering what to do with  
all those Prom and Special  
Occasion Dresses you have hanging in  
your closet?

**Why** not donate them to a  
worthwhile event?

Donated dresses will be sold at a  
nominal price to area high school  
students to help make Prom more  
affordable, and you could receive a  
tax deduction!

Dresses will be collected on  
**February 14 through March 6**  
at the following locations:

**Lake County Public Library**  
1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., JLS 30, Merrillville, IN 46410

**Munster Branch Library**  
8701 Calumet Ave., Munster, IN 46321

Donation slips will be available!



**Central Library** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES**

Mar. 3 through Mar. 18, Mondays at 10am, 1pm, 7pm or Tuesdays at 10am, 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to participate in this six-week story hour with a new theme each week. Please register at ext. 360.

**EASTER STORY HOUR**

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will listen to Easter stories and make Easter crafts. Please register at ext. 360.

**COMING UP SPRING**

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3rd grade, will celebrate the first signs of spring through stories and a spring craft. Please register at ext. 360.



**Happenings Jr. @ your library**  
**Children's Programming**  
**MARCH 2008**



**CALUMET TOWNSHIP**

**Black Oak Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES**

Mar. 4, 11, 18, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can participate in the remaining three sessions of the Spring Story Hour which features a different theme each week. Please register.

**JELLY BEAN CHICK JARS**

Mar. 6, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will celebrate Spring by making a chick jar to hold their jelly beans! Please register.

**Forty-First Avenue Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

**TEEN GAME NIGHT**

Mar. 5, Wed. at 4pm Kids, 11 and older, are invited to play PS2 games and board games. We will make plans for future programs and have some snacks. Please register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES**

Mar. 6, 13, 20, Thurs. at 11am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can participate in the three remaining sessions of story hour full of fun stories, games, and crafts. Please register.

**GIGGLE, GIGGLE, QUACK**

Mar. 22, Sat. at 1pm Some silly duck stories, duck games, and a duck craft will keep school age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, giggling. Please register.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

**March 9, 2008.**

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

**Spring Holiday Hours**

All branches of the Lake County  
Public Library will observe normal  
operating hours Friday, March 21.

**Closed**  
Sunday, March 23



## Griffith Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 4, 11, 18, Tues. at 1pm or Mar. 7, 14, Fri. at 10:30am The story hour continues into March on either Tuesdays or Fridays for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, who will enjoy books, music, games, and finger plays. Please register for the session that best fits your schedule.

### SATURDAY VISIT WITH THE RELUCTANT DRAGON

Mar. 8, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will hear a chapter from the book *Reluctant Dragon* by Kenneth Graham, make a walking Chinese dragon, and learn about the Komodo Dragon. Please register.

### SUPER TOTS

Mar. 10, Mon. at 10:30am After listening to the story *Dora's Eggs* by Julie Sykes, toddlers (18 to 35 months of age) accompanied by a caregiver, will make a nesting hen picture. Please register.

### FLYING SEAGULLS

Mar. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will make a seagull shaped kite from construction and try to fly it! Please register.

### GUITAR HERO & DANCE REVOLUTION

Mar. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 6:30pm Come in to the library and participate in fun interactive games, featuring *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution*. School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, are invited for the first session at 2pm and teens, 7th through 12th grades, are invited to the 6:30pm session. Please register.

### HOME SCHOOLER'S TUESDAY

Mar. 25, Tues. at 1pm or 3:30pm After listening to a chapter from *Davy Crockett at the Alamo*, children (kindergarten and older) will make a colorful button snake, a popular toy in old Mexico. The program will be repeated at 3:30pm for the after-school crowd. Please register.

## Cedar Lake Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

### SNACK & PLAN

Mar. 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 4, 11, 18, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in the continuation of this six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Please register.

### PIZZA TASTE-OFF

Mar. 5, Wed. at 4:30pm Teens (11 through 17 years of age) will enjoy a variety of pizza and decide which is their favorite. They will also make their own pizza and play games.

### TODDLER TIME

Mar. 13, 27, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 24 to 36 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

### MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will enjoy a tea party with games, crafts, and stories from *Alice in Wonderland*.

### CHESS

Mar. 17 & 31, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grade 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Online play will be available, too! Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

### PLAYSTATION MANIA

Mar. 18, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens (11 through 17 years of age) will play a wide variety of PlayStation games and those who



wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes! Snacks and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

#### GO FLY A KITE!

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will enjoy stories and make a kite as we celebrate the turn of spring.

#### ART ATTACK – FAMILY STORY TIME

Mar. 31, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages may choose from a variety of crafts to create art for home and for display at the library. There will also be the opportunity to hear and participate in fun and creative tales.

### Highland Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

#### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 4, 11, 18, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Mar. 5, 12, 19, Wednesdays at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school story continues with stories, songs, crafts, related activities, and fun for children ages 3 to 5. March themes include Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss; Lions and Lambs; and Hop Like a Bunny. Please register.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS

Mar. 4, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with books, songs, related activities, and a special Dr. Seuss craft. Please register.

#### TODDLERS: HOP ON OVER

Mar. 10, Mon. at 10:30am Bunnies will be featured in this story time for 2 year olds accompanied by a caregiver. Please register.

#### LIONS & LAMBS

Mar. 11, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 12, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb in this spring time story hour featuring lions and lambs for 3 to 5 year old pre-school children. Please register.

#### LUCK O' THE IRISH

Mar. 11, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6th grade, will hear the story *Fiona's Luck* by Teresa Bateman, and make a St. Patrick's Day craft. Please register.

#### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of T.A.B., and those wishing to join (7th grade and older), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. Please register.

#### HOP LIKE A BUNNY

Mar. 18, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 19, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hop like a bunny during this story hour about bunny rabbits, with stories, songs, activities, and a hopping fun craft. Please register.

#### TODDLERS: COLORS

Mar. 24, Mon. at 10:30am A rainbow of colors will be featured during this story time for 2 year olds accompanied by a caregiver. Please register.

## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

#### TEEN TECH WEEK: YOUTUBE CONTEST

Mar. 2 to 8 What about the library do you love? The books? The atmosphere? Gaming online or checking out free movies? Create a *YouTube* video to show us why you love your library. Contestants must be teens between the ages of 12 to 17. Upload your video to *YouTube*, email us the URL and then sit back and watch the votes come in. A detailed list of rules can be found on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Deadline for video submissions is Saturday, March 8.

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**Hobart Branch...continued****TEEN TECH WEEK: TUNE IN @ THE HOBART LIBRARY**

Mar. 3-8 is Teen Tech Week and a good opportunity to have some fun. Teens (10 to 17 years of age) can vote for their favorite songs through our blog, submit a *YouTube* video about the library, attend our *Teen Idol* competitions, and more. Stop in at the Hobart Library for more information.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES**

Mar. 4, 11, 18, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or Mar. 5, 12, 19, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear Spring stories, and participate in finger plays, songs, and Spring crafts. Please register.

**TODDLER STORY HOUR**

Mar. 6, 13, 27, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 24 to 35 months, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, participate in songs, finger plays, and make a simple Spring craft. Please register.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN**

Mar. 6, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4th grade, will hear St. Patrick's Day stories and make a St. Patrick's Day craft. Please register.

**GOT GUM?**

Mar. 12, Wed. at 6pm Who doesn't like a good stick of gum? Teens, 13 and older, can find out more about their favorite bubblelicious treat and challenge friends to a bubble gum blowing contest. Who will be the winner? Please register.

**TUNE IN & VOTE!**

Mar. 13 to Apr. 13 The *YouTube* contest entries are in with links posted on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Watch the videos and vote for your favorite. Voting will take place for a whole month (Mar. 13 to Apr. 13). Vote early and vote often!

**LIBRARY IDOL AUDITIONS**

Mar. 24, Mon., from 2pm to 4pm Think you are *American Idol* material? Here's your chance to compete against other teens, 12 to 17 years of age, in the area. Show off your singing skills at our hometown audition at the Hobart library. Finalists must be able to compete on April 11 at the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library. Rules and FAQs are on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Teens must pre-register with their name, song title, age, and phone number by calling 942-2243.

**Lake Station-New Chicago Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES**

Mar. 5, 12, 19, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can take part in the three remaining sessions of this program which includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

**GOT GUM?**

Mar. 10, Mon. at 4pm Who doesn't like a good stick of gum? Teens, 13 and older, can find out more about their favorite bubble-licious treat and challenge friends to a bubble gum blowing contest. Who will be the winner? Please register.

**TIP TOP TWO'S**

Mar. 11, Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

**TEEN GAMING: OPEN PLAY**

Mar. 25, Tues. from 2pm to 4pm It's Spring Break and time for another Gaming Day. So if you aren't spending your vacation basking in the sun, then jam at the library to *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*. Our Red Octane controllers and dance pads are a great way to enjoy hit songs. Refreshments will be provided.

**TEEN IDOL AUDITIONS**

Mar. 27, Thurs., from 3pm to 5pm Think you are *American Idol* material? Here's your chance to compete against other teens, 12 to 17 years of age, in the area. Show off your singing skills at our hometown audition at the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library. Finalists must be able to compete on April 11 at the library. Rules and FAQs are on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Teens must pre-register with their name, song title, age and phone number by calling 942-2243.



## CELEBRATE SPRING

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 4:30pm Spring is here and school age children, kindergarten and older, will welcome the season with a special spring craft. Please register.

## Munster Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

## FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Mar. 4, 11, 18, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with themes this month of "Wild Things," "St. Patrick's Day," and "Little Red Hen." All programs include stories, and a craft.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Mar. 6, Thurs. from 4:30pm to 5:30pm The monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting is for teens age 12 and older. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. If you can't attend the meeting, feel free to submit ideas and suggestions; just contact Brittany Spencer at the library with your ideas. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

## WAYSIDE SCHOOL

Mar. 12, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will be "schooled" in a new way as we explore Lois Sachar's *Wayside School* series. Prepare to be turned upside down!

## SPRING MOVIE BREAK

Mar. 26, Wed. at 2pm Be entertained by Dreamwork's *Shrek the Third* (rated PG) on the library's big screen. All ages are welcome, though children 5 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own munchies. Movie runtime is 92 minutes.

# ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

## Dyer-Schererville Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 4 through 19, Tuesdays at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wednesdays at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can take part in the three remaining sessions of this story hour which includes stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Children must be registered.

## MAKING MEMORIES -- A FAMILY PROGRAM

Mar. 4 through Apr. 15, Tues. from 5:30pm to 7:30pm All are invited to participate in this free program presented by South Shore Arts for parents and their school aged children (3rd through 6th grades) on writing, book-making, reading, music, drama, and art. Each week a special presenter will highlight a specific component of the arts. Each family will create a memory book. A boxed lunch will be provided. Registration is required.

## COOK A BOOK

Mar. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will celebrate the month of Dr. Seuss's birthday and St. Patrick's Day by reading *Green Eggs & Ham*. The youngsters will make green eggs and 'Goose Juice.' Please register.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS COMING

Mar. 15, Sat. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can get ready for St. Patrick's Day by making some Irish foods and decorations. Please register.

## JESS KNIGHT

Mar. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess to learn new strategies and improve their skills. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4th Monday of each month. Register.



# PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Mar. 4 through Mar. 19, Tuesdays at 10:30am or Wednesdays at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and crafts during the last three weeks of the story hour series. Please register for either the Tuesday morning or Wednesday afternoon sessions.

## STAMP CLASS

Mar. 15, Sat. at 1pm Children, ages 8 and older, will enjoy creating projects using rubber stamps with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! There is a \$3 fee, due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

Puzzles courtesy of Kidspage.com. LakeNet for Kids links the Kidspage site.

Can you show Jack the way down the beanstalk?



## St. Patrick's Day!



- Down
- The color of growing grass
  - A mischievous elf in Irish folklore
  - One of the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom
  - A happy Irish poem
  - A type of precious metal
  - Patrick was a
  - A language spoken in Ireland
  - People who live in Ireland are
  - The same introduction and the snakes
  - A long myth with no facts

- Across
- A story about mythical or supernatural beings
  - A plant that usually has 3 leaves. To find one of these with 4 leaves is considered lucky
  - The "Emerald Island"
  - An eye of colored light in the sky
  - The capital of Ireland
  - Mixed with good fortune
  - An Irish dance



## Crossword Puzzle



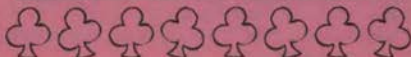
## St. Patrick's Day Word Search Puzzle

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T C R A I N B O W R  
M K X S L H O R B E  
M A R C H I R I S H  
Z F Z A Z G R E E N

### Word List

SAINT  
PATRICK  
LUCKY  
MAGIC  
IRISH  
GREEN  
GOLD  
MARCH  
RAINBOW  
CLOVER

Search the puzzle for the words shown in the word list. Circle each word that you find until you find all of the words in the whole puzzle!



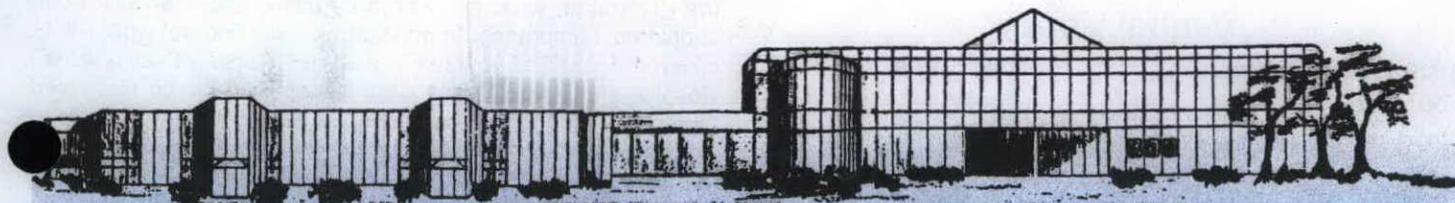
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## Crossword Puzzle



## St. Patrick's Day!





# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**APRIL 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library**

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editor Jennifer Burnison

## RU redE 2 IM a Librarian?

Beginning Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Lake County Public Library is rolling out an Instant Messaging (IM) Reference Service, called **Ask LCPL**. **Ask LCPL** can be found on the library's homepage at [www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us).

Upon entering the library's webpage, [www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us), patrons will see a chat box and can tell instantly if a librarian is online. When a librarian is online, patrons can click their mouse in the bottom section of the chat box to begin a real-time conversation with the librarian. If the librarian is not available, users are able to leave a message for the next time that the librarian logs into chat.

As this new service begins, a librarian will be available to answer questions on weekdays from 2-6 p.m. When the **Ask LCPL** times expand, a message will be added to the library's homepage.

The librarians of **Ask LCPL** hope patrons will use the chat box for quick questions that they have when they are at their computer. The initial times of 2-6 p.m. were chosen so that library staff can best assist kids of all ages with their homework.

Some quick questions include:

- 1 When is the library open?
- 2 How to I get a library card?
- 3 Do you have the book *Gone With the Wind*?

As the staff prepares to begin answering questions through **Ask LCPL**, they are undergoing some unique training. As many already know, IM, chat, and text messaging use a somewhat unique language. This new

language was developed to meet the users' needs for quick and compact communication.

Letters and digits replace words and phrases. So...

Great = GR8

You = u

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I don't understand what you're saying!  
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When in doubt, we'll be consulting the website, Translate It! at <http://www.translateit.com>, just as many parents do when they're communicating with their children.

For longer, more labor intensive searching, patrons are reminded that LPCL's email reference service, **Ask a Librarian**, is still available from the library's homepage. Over 1,000 questions came to the librarians via email with **Ask a Librarian** in 2007.

People with questions can also visit or call any of our library locations. A complete list of branch libraries, phone numbers, and hours of service is always available at [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/location.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/location.htm). On the average, librarians at all of the LCPL branches answer about 745 questions per day.

So, with that, we ask again: **R U redE 2 IM a Librarian?**

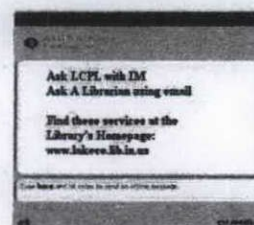
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## Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKreMARKS ONLINE

April 1 to 30 Elizabeth Edwards bares her strengths and weaknesses in the inspirational memoir, *Saving Graces: Finding Solace and Strength from Friends and Strangers*. We will learn how this remarkable woman has dealt admirably with life's greatest challenges. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### GENEALOGY COMPUTER DATABASE SEARCHING

Apr. 1, Tues. from 10am to Noon Join our Indiana Librarian for a fun class featuring our trio of Genealogy subscription computer databases: *Ancestry Library Edition*, *Heritage Quest Online*, and *ProQuest Obituaries*. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Bring your ancestor's names, dates, and places. You'll be surprised how easy it is to search these databases. Seating is limited; registration is required. Call ext. 334.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 2, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Apr. 8 & 22, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental, educational organization, to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence our lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's topic: *Talking To Our Enemies*. Briefing books, which contain all eight topics for the year, are now available. The charge for the book is \$5.00. If you are undecided as to whether or not you wish to join for the entire series, please come as a guest to the meeting. Please register at ext. 339.

### MEDICARE 101

Apr. 9, Wed. from 10am to Noon SHIP (State Health Insurance Program) is an organization designed to help seniors and Medicare beneficiaries with information and problems regarding their coverage with Medicare. This session will contain an overview of Medicare Part A (hospital), Part B (physician) and Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans). There will be a discussion on how bills

are generated, what is covered by each, and even talk about supplement insurance. In addition, you will find out what will be covered if you find yourself in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF). Hospice and Home Health Care issues will also be discussed. Light refreshments will be served. Utilized will be the *Medicare and You 2008* book beneficiaries received. Please join us for this classroom style session and bring questions. For further information contact Deb Uhl at 838-4873.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CROCHET & KNITTING CLASS

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 11am to Noon Learn basic stitches to crochet or knit, which can lead to making scarves, afghans, and more. The class is for both the novice and those who have some experience and want to improve their skills. Be sure to bring a size G crochet hook or size 10 knitting needles, and some yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *George and Sam: Two Boys, One Family, and Autism* by Charlotte Moore. "Brilliant - the first book about autism I've read that I'd recommend to people who wanted to know what it was like," states Nick Hornby in his introduction to this book. This is a moving and insightful picture of the author's life with her three boys, two of them autistic, but each of them his own unique and special person. Register at ext. 340.

### JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Apr. 13 to 19 Celebrate *National Library Week* with us! The theme this year is "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library." Visit the Central Library and submit an entry form, available at the front desk, for a chance to win our Reader's Gift Basket. Join us for refreshments in our Literacy Room from 10am to 4pm on Saturday (Apr. 19). Reader's Gift Basket winners will be announced at 4:00 pm.

### GARDENING

Apr. 15, Tues., at 7pm Growing Vegetables is the featured presentation this month by Master Gardener William Tobin. This program is part of an ongoing monthly series of gardening events. Please register at ext. 317.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Apr. 16, Wed. from 10am to 11:30am Please join us for this free informational and interactive session that will focus on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias such as Alzheimer's disease. This monthly class should be taken prior to taking the Advanced Dementia class. Please register toll free at (888) 303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES AND STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE/DEMENTIA

Apr. 16, Wed. from Noon to 1:30pm Understanding the *Language of Behaviors* will be conducted by Debbie Cariveau, RN.C, a registered nurse who has been in long-term care for over 25 years. She has worked as a consultant and trainer in the area of Alzheimer's care across the state of Indiana and serves as the TIMBRE dementia care director for Whispering Pines at Valparaiso. Topic covers when persons in advancing stages of dementia exhibit common behaviors, such as wandering, shadowing, combativeness, or sundowning, they are trying to communicate with us. Behaviors are seldom random, but a form of communication utilized when verbal communication begins to

## READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

## THE GREAT WAR, 1914-1918



## Ask a Librarian

**Q:** Does the library have the short story, *Jeffty is Five*, by Harlan Ellison? Can I find it on your website catalog?

**A:** From the library's home page ([www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)) click on "search the library catalog". On the catalog page, click on "more searches" (in the blue bar). From the list of searches, choose "general key words" and type "jeffty five". The results page will give you the information you need. This search is a good way to locate short stories in the library's collection.

fail. Please join us for this seminar for caregivers that will discuss the *Language of Behaviors* and learning to decipher the messages our loved ones are trying to convey. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this class. Please register toll-free at (888) 303-0180.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Apr. 16, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library, or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Apr. 23, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session, where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Please register at ext. 346 to register.

### TEA TIME

Apr. 26, Sat. from 1pm to 4pm The Lake County Public Library Foundation presents the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Tea. The event includes an enchanting afternoon tea with appetizers, finger sandwiches, desserts, and a full compliment of teas for \$18 per person. In addition, raffle tickets are available at all of the library's branches for a host of precious items. This year's entertainment will feature John Cain, the Executive Director of the South Shore Arts. For more information and to purchase a ticket call ext. 317.

### DIG DISCOVERIES ALONG THE KANKAKEE

Apr. 29, Tues. at 6:30pm John Hodson and Professor Mark Schurr will discuss the new discoveries from the dig at the Collier Lodge near the Kankakee River. The Kankakee Valley Historical Society will present some of the artifacts that have been unearthed and you can learn how you can participate in this summer's dig! Please register at ext. 334.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

21 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about  
[Happenings@your.library](mailto:Happenings@your.library).

## Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 14, Mon. at 12:30pm Irascible, corpulent, cynical Chief Superintendent Peter Diamond of the Avon and Somerset murder squad attributes Britain's decline as a world power to the abolition of capital punishment in 1964. Spurning computer gadgetry, he sticks to common sense, index card, and gumshoeing: "Knocking on doors. That's how we get results!" Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *The Last Detective* by Peter Lovesey.

### BOOK BUDDIES

Apr. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Two teenage sisters learn to survive in the forest of northern California in a near-future, post-holocaust world. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Into The Forest* by Jean Hegland.

## Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

### BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 16, Wed. at 7pm Thirteen year old Anna walks into the office of lawyer, Campbell Alexander, and announces she wants to sue her parents for the rights to her own body. Anna was conceived after her older sister, Kate, developed a rare form of leukemia and was in need of bone marrow. Now she has been asked to donate a kidney and she intends to refuse. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult.

### GRIFFITH GAB

Apr. 28, Mon. at 1pm In 1967, after a session with a psychiatrist she'd never seen before, 18 year old Susanna Kaysen was put in a taxi and sent to McLean Psychiatric Hospital, a facility renowned for its famous clientele and progressive methods. Twenty-five years later, she came to terms with this experience. Join us for a discussion of *Girl, Interrupted*, a memoir which looks at sanity, insanity, mental illness, and recovery in the late 1960s.



## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### POETRY CREATIONS

April Teens and 'tweens,' 11 to 17 years of age, will celebrate poetry by creating poems from words and pictures cut from magazines. Poems will be displayed in the library and poets may pick a prize for every poem of their own that they submit.

### GENEALOGY SEARCH

Apr. 2 or 14, Wed. at 2pm or 6:30pm, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will discover the amount of information available on the Internet for tracing their ancestors, and will learn how to use the library's *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases. Every participant will have a computer available and time to do some online research. Please register.

### EMAIL BASICS

Apr. 3 or 16, Thurs. or Wed. at 2pm Participants will learn the



## Cedar Lake Branch...continued

basics of using email, including setting up a free email account, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments. Please register.

### **PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS**

Apr. 5, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Wild Roses" on an 8"x10" canvas. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided which is due at the time of class. Please register.

### **SNACK & PLAN**

Apr. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

### **SCRAP BOOKING**

Apr. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for both beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring pictures to make a 2-page spread. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Refreshments will be served.

### **HISTORY VIDEO SERIES**

Apr. 8, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore the life of Irving Berlin, the famous composer of popular musicals and songs, including *God Bless America*. Refreshments will be served.

### **COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE**

Apr. 9, Wed. at 1pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse effectively, filling in different types of forms, and keyboarding. Please register.

### **COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS**

Apr. 9, Wed. at 2pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Please register.

### **USING THE ONLINE CATALOG**

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, as well as how to place requests and renew borrowed items. They will learn to use the online catalog with confidence from any computer with an Internet connection. Please register.

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: BE AN INSTANT PRIZE WINNER**

Apr. 14 to 19, Teens and 'twins,' 11 to 17 year olds, check out a book from a special display. If your book is one of the selected winners, you may pick a prize! There will be at least 10 winning books. Join the fun!

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE @ YOUR LIBRARY**

Apr. 14 to 19 All ages celebrate *National Library Week* by playing a variety of trivia games about libraries, books, movies, magazines, music, and more. Participants will be eligible to win a Library Lover's basket of goodies. Join the fun!

### **COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET**

Apr. 15, Tues. at 2pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Please register.


### **BOOKS & CHAT**


Apr. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. This funny and memorable novel tells

## Staff Recommends New Databases

**Access NewspaperARCHIVE** is the largest historical newspaper database online, containing tens of millions of newspaper pages from 1759 to present. Every newspaper in the archive is fully searchable by keyword and date and are able to be viewed as pdf files using Adobe Acrobat Reader. Currently, users are able to search 79.5 million pages from 708 cities, going back 239 years.

**The ProQuest Obituaries** collection is a premier resource for genealogical and historical research. You can use the collection to search obituaries and death notices from prominent newspapers, such as the *Chicago Tribune* (from 1849) and *Chicago Defender* (1909-1975). The collection includes both famous and lesser-known individuals and can be searched by name or by keywords appearing in the body of the article.

 **Mitchell1 OnDemand5** Automotive information on this database is from the "Mitchell Manual" group. Domestic and import car, light truck and van repair information and wiring diagrams from the mid-1980's to current. Automobile owners can access their vehicle's Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs), Recalls and Maintenance Schedules.

Database titles showing this  symbol are **only** accessible through computers within the library's buildings.

the story of Jacob, now over 90 years old, his life in a nursing home, and his detailed memories of his younger life spent the circus.

### **TRASH BASH**

Apr. 21 & 22, Mon. & Tues. from 3pm to 5pm Teens and 'twins,' 11 to 17 year olds, will make a variety of useful things with recycled materials that they may take home and/or display at the library. They will create picture frames, pillows, crafty animals, puppets, and more. This will be an ongoing program during *Earth Day* week.

### **PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS**

Apr. 25, Fri. at 10:30am Participants will paint "Scenic Walk" on an 8"x10" canvas. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Please register.

### **FLY HIGH FAMILY STORY TIME FUN**

Apr. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will hear and participate in stories, music and games about kites, wind, and flying. There will also be a movie and everyone will get a chance to create a kite.

### **PLAYSTATION MANIA**

Apr. 29, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens and 'twins,' 11 to 17 year olds, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

## Friends of the library

Suzanne Haehnel President	Betty Shatkowski 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Linda Crawford 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
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## Highland Branch

11 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### HISTORY FILM

Apr. 7, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm John Wayne remains one of the most influential actors in history. This film, shown on the big screen, chronicles the life and career of the Hollywood giant through interviews with family, friends, and colleagues. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 8, Tues. at 2pm Readers will discuss *We Need to Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver. The novel is a searing and complex look at the reason couples decide to have children, the parent-child relationship, and the limits of love and loyalty. Copies of the book available at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 9, Wed. from 10am to Noon A nurse from Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

### CROSSROADS

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank, in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library, hosts a free monthly program for seniors. Call 972-7353 for more details and to register. Refreshments will be served.

### INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 17, Thurs. at 2pm Readers will discuss the first book in Janette Oke's Canadian West Series: *When Calls The Heart* features a young woman traveling from Toronto to the Canadian West to become a teacher. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Please register.

### GARDENING

Apr. 17, Thurs. at 6:30pm In this program co-sponsored by the library and the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Nikky Witkowski of Purdue University's Lake County Extension Office will discuss what you should know before you select and plant trees or shrubs. Please register.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Apr. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Travel with us from the Indiana Dunes to the Shipshewanna Flea Market, to the RV Museum in Elkhart, to the Angel Mounds, and finally to the National Aviation Museum in Muncie, as we take a trip through the Hoosier State - Indiana. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Apr. 23 & 24, Wed. & Thurs. from 12:30pm to 4:30pm Hal Schaller will teach the AARP Driver Safety Class, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver. Participants in the two day class may be eligible to receive insurance discounts. There is a \$10 fee due at the time of the class. Registration is required: call the library at 838-2394.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 7pm Readers will discuss *Whiskey River* by Loren Estelman in which a bizarre friendship develops between a brash newspaperman and a wild Prohibition-era gangster. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## CLASSICS N THE BIG SCREEN: STAGECOACH

Apr. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm This classic western starring John Wayne features a group of people in a stagecoach besieged by bandits and Indians. Refreshments will be served. Please register.



## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.  
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

### TUNE-IN & VOTE

Apr. 1 to 13 The YouTube contest entries are in with links posted on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Watch the videos and then vote for your favorite. Voting continues until April 13. Vote early and vote often!

### EDIBLE BOOK FEST-EAT YOUR WORDS!

Apr. 5, Sat. from 1pm to 5pm It can look like a book, word, letter, refer to a character, or just have something to do with books! Whatever your inspiration, it must be edible. This *Edible Book Festival* takes place over the world on or about April 1st. Participants (you!) create edible masterpieces that are exhibited, documented, and then consumed. Here's the procedure: register your edible product by email ([lklemm@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:lklemm@lakeco.lib.in.us)) or by calling the library with your name, contact info, and the title(s) of your submission; bring your entry to the library between 1pm and 2pm; entries will be viewed from 2pm to 3pm; winners announced at 3pm; and the munching will begin at 3:30pm. Coffee and lemonade will be provided.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 8, Tues. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

### TEEN GAMING

Apr. 10, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm It's Spring Break and time for some PlayStation fun. Teens and 'twens,' 10 to 17 year olds, are invited to play *Guitar Hero*, *DDR*, or some of our other games at the library. Refreshments will be provided.

### LIBRARY IDOL GRAND FINALE

Apr. 11, Fri. from 3:30pm to 5:30pm Teen Idol finalists from the Hobart and Lake Station-New Chicago competitions sing out their hearts for the honor of being our first ever teen idol. Our eight finalists will need your support and your votes to win. Audience members decide who wins the grand prize. Join us for a fun afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK POETRY EVENT

Apr. 14 to 19 To all aspiring poets: during *National Library Week* the Hobart Branch Library is seeking original poems. Poems may be about any subject (suitable for a public setting), should be typed in 12 point font, and submitted in person. Entries may be submitted in either the teen/preteen (10 to 17 year olds) or adult categories. Be sure to include your name, category, and phone number with your poem. All poems will be posted at the branch throughout the month of April for the community to view. For more information visit our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com).

### SIMPLE, EASY, COOKING CLASSES

Apr. 14 & 28, Mon. at 1pm Simple yet delicious recipes will be demonstrated, taste tested, and provided to enhance your recipe collection. Registration is required.



## Hobart Branch...continued

### BOOK CHAT

Apr. 15, Tues. at 2pm *Three Junes* by Julia Glass is a collection of three stories which intertwine with the lives of three characters: Paul Mcleod, his oldest son Fenno, and Fern. Each must learn to deal with life after the death of a loved one and how to begin again.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: WHO'S PIZZA REIGNS SUPREME?

Apr. 16, Wed. at 6pm Teens (13 to 17 years of age) are invited to vote for their favorite pizza which will be brought in from around the Hobart area. Have a taste and vote for your favorite crust, sauce, and all-round favorites. Please register.

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Apr. 24, Thurs. from 5pm to 7pm The Hobart Library and Hobart Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Business After Hours. It's a chance to mingle and network with local business members in a casual and relaxed setting. Enjoy finger foods while learning what the library has to offer to the community. RSVP required by calling the library.

### DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Apr. 30 & May 1, Wed. & Thurs. from 10:30am to 3:00pm AARP Driver Safety Program, a nationally recognized refresher course geared to the safety needs of the mature driver will be presented. Participants in the two day class may be eligible to receive insurance discounts. There is a \$10 fee due at the time of the class. Feel free to bring a snack. Registration is required: call the Hobart branch library.

## Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

### TUNE-IN & VOTE

Apr. 1 to 13 The YouTube contest entries are in with links posted on our blog at [www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com](http://www.hobartlibrary.blogspot.com). Watch the videos and then vote for your favorite. Voting continues until April 13. Vote early and vote often!

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### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 22, Tues. from 10am to Noon An introductory computer class will teach participants how to hold, move and click a mouse.

effectively, as well as review essential parts of a computer, including common terminology. Registration is required.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 22, Tues. from 1pm to 3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 29, Tues. from 10am to Noon This computer class is the next step for beginning computer users. Participants will learn about the keyboard, the Windows setup, word processing, and finding help. Registration is required.



## Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

### SPRING WILDFLOWER GARDENING

Apr. 9, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Dian Fruth will discuss the preparations needed to have a colorful wildflower garden. Due to the branch renovation, please call the library regarding location.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 24, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm *A Northern Light* by Jennifer Donnelly tells the story of 16-year-old Mattie in the year 1906. Determined to attend college and be a writer, against the wishes of her father and fiancé, she takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. This novel is based on a true story.

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Oedipus the King* by Sophocles.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

## Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 1, Tues. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting in this class taught by experienced instructor Pat Mahns. The project, Book Blank, is on canvas attached to a blank book. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Registration required.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Apr. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other-cross stitchers for an evening



of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

#### KNIT & PURL

Apr. 3, 24, Thurs. at 6pm Experienced and beginning knitters are invited to gather for a relaxing evening of stitching. Beginners will receive instruction from April Muller, experienced crafter. A list of supplies needed for beginners is available at the library.

#### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Apr. 7, Mon. at 1pm This film series features an award-winning, independent film each month. April's presentation will be *Adam's Apples*, a Danish film with English subtitles for mature audiences. With pitch-black humor and political incorrectness, this Scandinavian movie pits an unusually optimistic preacher, who takes in convicts, against a vicious neo-Nazi anxious to serve his community service time and get back to hell-raising. A dark, skewed take on good vs. evil. With a runtime of 94 minutes, this film has not been rated by the MPAA. Refreshments served.

#### VIRTUAL TOURISTS

Apr. 16, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will take a behind-the-scenes tour of the California Wine Country through Calistoga, Napa, and Sonoma County in a 70 minute travel video. Refreshments will be served.

#### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 22, Tues. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting in this class taught by experienced instructor Pat Mahns. The project, Birdwatching, is on an 8" x 10" canvas. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

#### STAMP CAMP

Apr. 22, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of supplies provided. Please register.

#### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Apr. 23 or 24, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Journalist Eric Schlosser argues that the fast food industry has had a number of negative effects on America. Readers will discuss their reactions to *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

#### SIT & KNIT

Apr. 2 & 16, Wed. at 6pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

#### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Apr. 8, Tues. at 10:15am Bookstore owner, Annie Darling, and her husband, Max, try to discover who sabotaged their book production while dealing with other problems, including a murderer. *Will Fool Dead* by Carolyn Hart will be available for check out at the circulation desk. Please register.

#### BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Apr. 8, Tues. at 1:30pm Ann-Margret was born in Sweden and

emigrated to Chicago. Follow her career from Vegas to film and learn how a near-fatal accident changed her life in this one hour *A & E Video Biography*. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

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#### Where are your tax forms-in the mail?

The clock is ticking-seniors and low income households can still get help with your taxes. Ask your librarian how you can beat the deadline.

### Highlighting the Life and Times of JOHN MUIR

Born in Scotland on April 21, 1838, John Muir immigrated with his family to Wisconsin in 1849. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, Muir worked as an industrial engineer in Indianapolis, but after an accident nearly cost him his eye, he decided to leave that career and enroll himself in "the university of the wilderness." He started out by walking 1,000 miles from Indiana to the Gulf of Mexico, and finally ended up in San Francisco in 1868. His first glimpse of the Yosemite Valley in Northern California fuelled his enthusiasm for nature and his desire to preserve it, and he became one of the most effective advocates ever for conservation, especially forest conservation. Largely thanks to his efforts, Sequoia and Yosemite National Parks were established in 1890, and thirteen other national forests were set aside in 1897. Muir Woods National Monument is named in his honor. Earth Day, launched in 1970, is celebrated every year on the day after his birthday (April 22).

A display of books and other materials highlighting the life and times of John Muir will be found on the Upper Level during the month of April.

*Nature Writings: The Story of My Boyhood and Youth, My First Summer in the Sierra* by John Muir (508 MUIR)

*Walking with Muir Across Yosemite* by Thomas R. Vale and Geraldine R. Vale (508.79447 VALE)

*The Life and Adventures of John Muir* by James Mitchell Clarke (B MUI CLAR)

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*John Muir's Wild America* by Tom Melham (B MUI MELH)

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The Lake County Public Library Foundation  
presents the  
8th Annual Literary Tea on Saturday,  
April 26th at 1:00 pm  
at the  
Central Library, 1919 W. 81st Avenue (US 30), Merrillville.

The event includes a full afternoon tea with appetizers, finger sandwiches, desserts, and a full compliment of teas for \$18 per person. In addition, raffle tickets are available at all of the library's branches for a host of precious items.

This year's entertainment will feature

  
John Cain, the Executive Director of the South Shore Arts.

For more information and to purchase a ticket call 219-769-3541, ext. 317.



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**Central Library** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

**RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS**

Apr. 8 & 9, Tues. & Wed. from 12:30pm to 5pm Middle school age children, 11 to 15 year olds, may complete the course requirements to become a certified Red Cross babysitter. Activities will include discussions, videos, role play, and work with manikins. There is a \$25 registration fee which must be paid in order to hold a place in the class. Fee includes a textbook and certificate. Students must attend both days to receive certification. Registration begins March 1; call ext. 360.



**Happenings Jr. @ your library**  
**Children's Programming**  
**APRIL 2008**



**FUN POETRY HOUR**

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will listen to fun poetry and participate in poetry activities. Participants are welcome to bring a poem to recite. Please register at ext. 360.

**GOOD DAY, GOOD KNIGHT!**

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear stories, play games, and complete a craft as they learn about the action-packed life of the medieval knight. Please register at ext. 360.

**CALUMET TOWNSHIP**

**Black Oak Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

**SILLY SEPTATHLON GAMES**

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can get rid of some extra energy and have fun playing silly games. Please register.

**Forty-First Avenue Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

**TEEN MOVIE NIGHT**

Apr. 2, Wed. at 4pm Teens and 'Tweens', 11 to 17 year olds, are invited for a movie and snacks. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited for this lap-sit program to sing songs, learn rhymes, and hear stories geared toward early childhood development. Please register.

**HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?**

Apr. 19, Sat. at 1pm Families are welcome to come and get their hands dirty at this gardening for kids program. Please register.

**NATURE CLUB**

Apr. 22, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are welcome to have fun and get active through learning about our environment. Please register.

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## Griffith Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

### VISIT THE WATER BABIES

Apr. 5, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to learn how Tom, the chimney swee becomes a water baby. Then the bubbles will come out and we will experiment with size and shape. Please register.

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 7, 14, 21, Mon. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age accompanied by an adult caregiver, will enjoy a lap-sit program featuring the rhyme of Mother Goose and more. Please register.

### PETER RABBIT PUPPET

Apr. 9, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will put together a Peter Rabbit in the water can puppet after hearing the Beatrix Potter classic tale. Please register.

### PRE-SCHOOL SPRING SPECIAL

Apr. 15 or 18, Tues. at 1pm or Fri. at 10:30am Hear the story of *The Most Wonderful Egg* and design a colorful egg to take home. Please register.

### SUPER TOT CRAFT

Apr. 28, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age accompanied by a caregiver, will celebrate rainy days with a story and craft. Please register.

### HOME SCHOOL TUESDAY

Apr. 29, Tues. at 1pm Learn about plants in medicine from *Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman and grow a Medieval drugstore. Please register.

### MEDIEVAL DRUGSTORE

Apr. 29, Tues. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will learn about plants in medicine from *Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman and grow a Medieval drugstore. Please register.

## Cedar Lake Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

### POETRY CREATIONS

April Teens and 'tweens,' 11 to 17 years of age, will celebrate poetry by creating poems from words and pictures cut from magazines. Poems will be displayed in the library and poets may pick a prize for every poem of their own that they submit.

### APRIL SHOWERS

Apr. 1, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft as they celebrate the return of spring.

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers (infants to 35 months of age), accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities during this four-week session.

### SNACK & PLAN

Apr. 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

### BATTER'S UP!

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate the return of baseball season with stories, songs, and a craft.



### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: BE AN INSTANT PRIZE WINNER**

Apr. 14 to 19, Teens and 'tweens,' 11 to 17 year olds, check out a book from a special display. If your book is one of the selected winners, you may pick a prize! There will be at least 10 winning books. Join the fun!

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: JOIN THE CIRCLE OF KNOWLEDGE @ YOUR LIBRARY**

Apr. 14 to 19 All ages can celebrate *National Library Week* by playing a variety of trivia games about libraries, books, movies, magazines, music, and more. Participants will be eligible to win a Library Lover's basket of goodies. Join the fun!

### **CHESS**

Apr. 14, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grades 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Online play will be available, too. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

### **HOPPY APRIL**

Apr. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a simple craft to celebrate *Frog Month*.

### **TRASH BASH**

Apr. 21 & 22, Mon. & Tues. from 3pm to 5pm Teens and 'tweens,' 11 to 17 year olds, will make a variety of useful things with recycled materials that they may take home and/or display at the library. They will create picture frames, pillows, crafty animals, puppets, and more. This will be an ongoing program during *Earth Day* week.

### **CLEAN UP YOUR ACT!**

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories, games, and a craft as they learn about caring for our planet.

### **FLY HIGH FAMILY STORY TIME FUN**

Apr. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will hear and participate in stories, music, and games about kites, wind, and flying. There will be a movie and everyone will get a chance to create a kite.

### **PLAYSTATION MANIA**

Apr. 29, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens and 'tweens,' 11 to 17 year olds, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!

## **Highland Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

### **MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Apr. 1, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

### **BUSY BEES FUNNY FACE**

April 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will listen to funny stories, sing active songs, and make a silly face flip book. Please Register.

### **MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Apr. 8, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

### **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Apr. 10, Thurs. from 5:30pm to 7pm Members of Highland's Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join



**Highland Branch...continued**

(7<sup>th</sup> through 12 grade), will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants will earn volunteer time. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Apr. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

**HOW DOES MY GARDEN GROW?**

Apr. 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will listen to stories about gardening, sing active songs, and plant a paper cup garden. Please register.

**IN THE GARDEN**

Apr. 16, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will celebrate *National Library Week* by listening to *Muncha! Muncha! Muncha!* They will also make their own greenhouse out of a pop bottle (and plant seeds). Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Apr. 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Apr. 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

<b>HOBART TOWNSHIP</b>
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**Hobart Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

**TEEN GAMING**

Apr. 10, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm It's Spring Break and time for some *PlayStation* fun. Teens and 'tweens,' 10 to 17 year olds, are invited to play *Guitar Hero*, *DDR*, or some of our other games at the library. Refreshments will be provided.

**LIBRARY IDOL GRAND FINALE**

Apr. 11, Fri. from 3:30pm to 5:30pm Teen Idol finalists from the Hobart and Lake Station-New Chicago competitions will sing out their hearts for the honor of being our first ever teen idol. Our eight finalists will need your support and your votes to win. Audience members decide who wins the grand prize. Join us for a fun afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

**RAINDROPS**

Apr. 15 or 16, Tues. at 6pm or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories and participate in songs and finger plays about rain. They will also make rainbows. Please register.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK: WHO'S PIZZA REIGNS SUPREME?**

Apr. 16, Wed. at 6pm Teens (13 to 17 years of age) are invited to vote for their favorite pizza which will be brought from around the Hobart area. Have a taste and vote for your favorite crust, sauce and all-round favorites. Please register.

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Apr. 22, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will learn about *Earth Day* and how to



care for the planet. We will read *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss, enjoy edible "dirt cups," and make a "Green-Haired Guy" craft. Please Register.

#### **TODDLER STORY TIME**

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 10:30am In this half-hour program, toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, songs, and finger plays about rain. We will make fun crepe-paper rainbows. Please register.

### **Lake Station-New Chicago Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

#### **LIBRARY IDOL GRAND FINALE**

Apr. 11, Fri. from 3:30pm to 5:30pm Teen Idol finalists from the Hobart and Lake Station-New Chicago competitions will sing out their hearts for the honor of being our first ever teen idol. Our eight finalists will need your support and your votes to win this top honor. Audience members decide who wins the grand prize. Join us for a fun afternoon. Refreshments will be provided.

#### **TIP TOP TWO's**

Apr. 15, Tues. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by an adult caregiver, can participate in a lap-sit story time with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

#### **PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME**

Apr. 16, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can participate in a spring story time with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

#### **EARTH DAY**

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can learn about *Earth Day* through stories and a craft. Please register.

### **Munster Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

#### **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Apr. 3, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting for teens age 12 and older will provide the opportunity to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served. Can't make it to the meeting? Ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please contact Brittany Spencer with your ideas.

#### **GERONIMO STILTON**

Apr. 9, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will explore the world with *Geronimo Stilton* as their guide. Adventurers will make a useful tool to aid in their exploits.

#### **FANTASTIC 4's & 5's**

Apr. 15 & 29, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times. This month the program themes are "Spring" and "Earth," and will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

#### **GO ROUND AND ROUND**

Apr. 16, Wed. at 4pm Children of all ages are invited to a library celebration for *National Library Week*. We will look at some great books and decoupage flying saucers. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **DESSERT SHOW-OFF!**

Apr. 18, Fri. at 4pm Teens, 12 to 17 years of age, are invited to show off their baking skills in a 'Dessert Show-off.' Participants should bring their favorite homemade dessert to share, as we taste and rate. Plates and eating utensils will be provided. Please register by April 16 (provide the dessert name at time of registration).



Munster Branch...continued

### JUNIOR GARDENING

Apr. 23, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will celebrate *Earth Day* and make a mini-garden of their own.

## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

### COOK A BOOK

Apr. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear the story *Burger Boy* by Alan Durant, as well as *Hamburger Heaven* by Wong Herbert Yee. Then we'll make and enjoy sweet hamburgers. Please register.

### DIRT! DIRT! DIRT!

Apr. 12, Sat. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten and up, can answer the question: "What good is dirt?" through smelling, seeing, feeling, and eating dirt. Please register.

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Apr. 15, 22, 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. This is a 3-week session and children are encouraged to attend one session each week. Please register.

### CHESS KNIGHT

Apr. 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess to learn new strategies and improve their skills. Bring a friend and join the group that meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. The season ends with the April session, but will resume again in September. Please register.

### St. John Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

### TODDLER TIME

Apr. 14, Mon. at 1:30pm To celebrate *National Library Week*, toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to hear stories, participate in finger plays, join musical activities, and have a snack. Please register.

### PAJAMA DAY

Apr. 15 or 16, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm To celebrate *National Library Week*, pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to attend this program in their pajamas and bring their pillows. There will be stories, finger plays, musical activities, games, and a snack. Please register.

### BACKWARD DAY

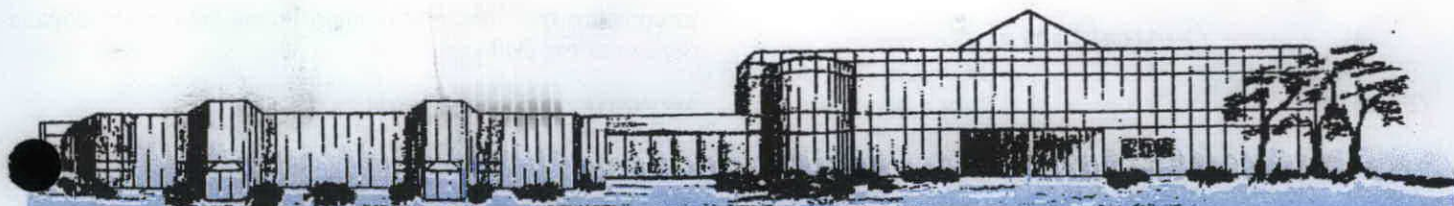
Apr. 18, Fri. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will celebrate *National Library Week* attending this program wearing their clothes backward. There will be stories, poems, games, and a snack. Please register.

### Do you Know...

**April is the month of the....Young Child, Humor Month, and Knuckles Down Month.**

The first McDonald's opened on April 15, 1955 and Bugs Bunny had his debut April 30, 1938.





# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MAY 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library

### LIBRARIES ARE MANY THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE - BUT ALSO BOOKS

Spring brings the opportunity to pause and think about those special THINGS that provide happiness in our lives. In the St John Township Branches of the Lake County Public Library, the cherry on every librarian's sundae is a book discussion program. Book discussions give us that rare opportunity to meet and talk with other people who have a passion for books as well.

The Dyer-Schererville Branch has two book discussion sessions called Between the Lines that meet at the end of each month. One session is held in the morning and the other is in the evening. This May, the selected book is *Anansi Boys* by Neil Gaiman.

The St John Branch has a mystery and suspense book discussion group called Criminal's Corner. William Kienzie's novel *The Sacrifice* will be up for discussion in May, and in June we will jump to Sherlock Holmes' first book, *A Study in Red*. The secret of how Holmes and Watson met will be revealed for the first time. Criminal's Corner meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Besides the three traditional book discussion groups in St. John Township, there are a variety of other groups available throughout our library system. Our branches in Cedar Lake, Forty-First Avenue, Griffith, Highland, Hobart, and Munster all offer reading groups. The Central Library in Merrillville has one traditional group and an online book discussion for those who prefer electronic communication.

Even the youth have a group called Young Readers that select and read books

to make written recommendations for others. Their recommendations are kept in the *Blue Ribbon Book Review* along with a display of some of the recent selections at the Dyer-Schererville Branch.

### Now for the first ever Opening article quiz!

1. Who wrote *The Sacrifice*?
2. How many book discussion groups are available in the Lake County Public Library? (Hint 3 are in St John Township + all others)
3. What is the youth reading group called at Dyer-Schererville?
4. How many quizzes have appeared in *Happenings*' opening article?

#### Answers

1. William Kienzie
2. 15
3. Young Readers
4. This is the first one.

#### How did I do?

4 right You are an exceptional reader. Please join one of our reading groups!

3 right You need a boost in reading and we are sure that one of our book discussion groups can be of assistance.

0-2 right You didn't really read the article or just skimmed it. We are sure that one of the book discussion groups will help you learn to love reading and the fellowship and fun that you can have in a book discussion group.

Happy Reading!  
Pam Maud  
St. John Township Manager

www.lakeco.lib.in.us  
editor Jennifer Burnison

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### ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Lake County Public Library  
will once again be featuring  
a summer filled with  
reading and prizes!

Our Adult Reading Program will  
run from June to August.  
So line up your reading materials  
and get ready to relax.



## Central Library

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[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKreMARKS ONLINE DISCUSSION

May 1 to 31 *Murder in the Sentier* is just one in a series of mysteries with a French flavor by Cara Black. The Paris setting is infused with danger and suspense as detective Aimee Leduc searches for her mother, who vanished when Aimee was a child. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions, visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### DILLINGER DOCUMENTARY

May 3, Sat. at 1pm Join our Indiana Librarian for a PBS movie featuring the legendary outlaw, John Dillinger. This documentary recreates the mood of the times and high drama of Dillinger's holdups and breakouts, with black-and-white recreations and lively commentary by historians and eyewitnesses. Refreshments will be served. Please register at ext. 334.

### GENEALOGY

May 6, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm Join our Indiana Librarian for a fun class featuring our trio of Genealogy subscription computer databases: *Ancestry Online*, *Heritage Quest Online*, and *ProQuest Obituaries*. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Seating is limited. Please call 769-3541, ext. 334 to register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 7, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 7, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

May 8, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain. Join this master raconteur as he leads us on an exhilarating tour of Europe and the Near East, circa 1867. The most popular of Twain's books during his lifetime, this work tells us as much about the preconceptions of 19th century Americans as about the peoples and places he and his group visited, and gives us the opportunity

to compare our present-day impressions with theirs. Please register at ext. 340.

### 2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

May 9, Fri. at 9:30am The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has mandated that beginning February 17, 2000 television stations will stop broadcasting in analog and switch to 100% digital broadcasting. If you use "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna, you must take action to continue receiving television broadcasts. In a co-sponsorship between Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's 50 Advantage Club, anyone 50 years of age and older is invited to this free program with Lakeshore Public Television to discuss the digital transition. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for further details.

### MONEY MATTERS

May 10, Sat. at 10am The Lake County Public Library will co-sponsor a financial literacy presentation with Centier Bank: *How To Keep Your Money*. Just bring a pencil, paper and a desire to learn to the Literacy Classroom. Please register at ext. 309.

### GREAT DECISIONS

May 13 & 27, Tues. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm The Great Decisions Discussion follows the program set by the Foreign Policy Association, a national, non-profit, non-partisan, non-governmental, educational organization, to educate Americans about the significant international issues that influence our lives. It is an informal discussion introduced by a short video presentation. This month's topic: *Russia*. Briefing books, which contain all eight topics for the year, are now available. The charge for the books is \$5.00. There is a limited supply, so if you are undecided as to whether or not you wish to join for the entire series, please come as a guest for your first meeting. Please register at 3541, ext. 339.

### LEARN TO CROCHET

May 14, Wed. at 11am Learn to crochet or improve your skills in this class for both the novice and those who have some experience. Be sure to bring a size G crochet hook and some yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 14, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### 1/2 OFF BOOK SALE

May 15, Thurs. from 2pm to 8pm All books, videos, cd's, audio books, audio cassettes, magazines, encyclopedias, paperbacks, children's books, and puzzles are half-off in the Book Sale Room! So when you visit the library, stroll down the main level and you will be amazed at these incredible bargains. The Book Sale Room is also open every Tuesday & Thursday from 2pm to 5pm and on Saturdays from 9:30am to 4pm.

### GARDENING

May 20, Tues. at 7pm Great Underused Shrubs is the featured presentation this month by Advanced Master Gardener Zann Wilson. This program is part of an ongoing monthly series of gardening events. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

May 21, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books,

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

Let's Hear it for Mothers –  
in honor of Mother's Day



## Great Minds Ask @ your library

**Q:** I'm doing research on the fall of the Berlin Wall and I'm trying to locate articles written at the time, 1989. What's the best way to locate those?

**A:** The library subscribes to a database called General OneFile. This is a one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, and many general interest topics from 1980 to current with millions of full-text articles. It is updated daily. When you access the search screen, enter "Berlin Wall" in the box. You can choose "full-text" and you can limit your search to articles published in 1989.

magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### HEALTH FAIR

May 22, Thurs. from 1pm to 4pm The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Fair will focus on senior citizens with a wide variety of displays and vendors, from natural foods to physician information to ukuleles! Learn how to find medical information from the library's databases, recommended websites and print materials. Speakers will address the importance of staying active and the health benefits of pets.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

May 28, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

May 29, Thurs. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. This monthly class should be taken prior to attendance at the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

May 29, Thurs. from Noon to 1:30pm Join us for an interactive and informative workshop about Alzheimer's disease/dementia presented by Leslie Miles, Administrator of Manor Care of Homewood. Leslie's engaging style and wealth of knowledge about dementia and Alzheimer's disease will make this workshop well worth your time, whether you are a family caregiver or a health care professional. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 12, Mon. at 12:30pm Downsized ex-reporter Tess Monaghan spends her days working part-time at the bookstore owned by sexy Aunt Kitty and trying not to fall into the disgustingly polluted Patapsco from her city-owned boat. When rowing, buddy Rocky pays her what looks like a fortune to follow his fiancé; the trail leads to murder with Rocky the prime suspect. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Baltimore Blues* by Laura Lippman.

### BOOK BUDDIES

May 19, Mon. at 6:30pm Frances, a lonely adolescent, never questions the closeness of her mother, Hilda, and her aunt Pearl. But there are unexplained tensions and her everyday world is gradually touched by tragedy as the past is revealed. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Hilda and Pearl* by Alice Mattison.

### Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

### GRIFFITH GAB

May 19, Mon. at 1pm In the summer of 1999 best friends, Raffi Kodikian and David Coughlin, headed off on a cross-country trek. They stopped for an overnight sleep-out trip in Carlsbad Caverns National Park, carrying barely adequate camping supplies, three pints of water, and a journal to record their experiences. Their adventure quickly took a turn for the worse when they were unable to find their way back out of the canyon. Four frustrating days later, when help arrived, only Raffi was alive. When authorities asked him where David was, he pointed to a pile of stones and responded, "Over there...I killed him." Was it murder or a mercy killing? Join us for a discussion of Jason Kersten's *Journal of the Dead: A Story of Friendship and Murder in the New Mexico Desert*, a re-creation of those fateful days from the riveting details of the journal and personal interviews that led to a friendship's tragic end.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

May 21, Wed. at 7pm Margaret Lea is summoned to the home of Vida Winter, England's most popular novelist, and commanded to write her biography. Miss Winter has been falsifying her history and identity for more than 60 years. Facing imminent death and



## Griffith Branch...continued

feeling an unexplainable connection to Margaret, she begins to spin a haunting, suspenseful tale of an old English estate, a devastating fire, twin girls, a governess, and a ghost. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the novel *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield.



## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### SNACK & PLAN

May 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (teens 12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

### SCRAP BOOKING

May 5, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring their adhesive of choice and scissors. Supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Join the fun!

### KNITTING CLASS

May 5 & 19, Mon. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

### HISTORY VIDEO: THE GREAT ESCAPE

May 13, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore the life of Harry Houdini, both as a magician and as a debunker of charlatan spiritualists. Refreshments will be served.

### PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 17, Sat. at 9:30am Participants will paint "Sandcastle" on an 8"x10" canvas. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Please register.

### PLAYDOUGH PIZAZZ FAMILY STORY TIME FUN

May 19, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will make and sculpt a variety of play dough, including some delicious ones to eat.

### BOOKS AND CHAT

May 21, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant* by Daniel Tammet. One of only 50 people living today, diagnosed with both Asperger's Syndrome and synesthesia, Tammet was the subject of the 2005 documentary, *Brainman*. Here he recounts his extraordinary life, from his frustrating childhood to his remarkable achievements in adulthood.

### PAT & BRUSH WITH ACRYLICS

May 27, Tues. at 10:30am Participants will paint "Book Blank." There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Please register.

## Staff Recommends BOOKS

### *Pearl Jinx*

by Sandra Hill

"Caleb, a shunned ex-Amish and now ex-Navy Seal, is the manager of this crew hired to find some cave pearls and maybe a stash of gold coins from a robbery back in the 1800's. And he has to deal with Crazy Claire, an historical archaeologist. Only that becomes fun to do, but then his Amish family is around and you just have to read this to find out how all those sparks land. Sandra Hill is known for mixing adventure, fun and comedy into her quirky romance novels. This is part two of the series, but can be read alone. Much better than the first installment, *Pink Jinx*. This one did not disappoint."

LJ/Reference

### *Battlefield: Farming a Civil War Battleground*

by Peter Svenson

"An exciting account of buying a farm of 40 acres and becoming intrigued doing research and exploration of the property, which had been the site of a civil war battle called Cross Keys."

EH/Reference

### *Night Sky* by Clare Francis

"A shy young English mother and her spunky little son; the reclusive Breton family she lives with; a dashing and debonair English yachtsman; the cruel, cold-blooded 'Marseillais'; a brilliant but naïve Jewish scientist; a ruthlessly efficient Gestapo agent; a brave and dedicated U-Boat captain; and a mysterious but trustworthy (or is he?) Resistance provocateur: all come together in a thrilling tale of intricate scheming and pulse-pounding action set against the backdrop of an all-too-real World War II Europe."

LP/Reference

## TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: MICHIGAN

May 27, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will discover the sights and sounds of Michigan. They will visit Detroit, Motown, the Henry Ford Museum, the Diego Rivera Exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Art, Mackinac Island, Mays Fudge Creations, and much more. Refreshments will be served.

### PLAYSTATION MANIA

May 27, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes! Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!



## Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### HISTORY VIDEO

May 5, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us for a salute to the life and career of Spencer Tracy featuring movie clips and reminiscences from co-workers. Refreshments will be served. Please register.



## CROSSROADS

May 8, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch library hosts a free monthly program for seniors. Call 972-7353 for more details and to register. Refreshments are served.

## COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 8, Thurs. at 2pm or May 14, Wed. at 1:30pm Participants will learn the basics of using the mouse, including moving and clicking effectively. Class size is limited, so registration is required.

## TEEN OPEN GAMING

May 10, Sat. at 2pm Youths (5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades) are invited to gaming events at the library. Please Register.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: MINNESOTA

May 12, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Travel the Land of 10,000 Lakes from Duluth to Minneapolis. We will visit the International Wolf Center, Itasca State park, the Mall of America, and several unique businesses in the state, shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 13, Tues. at 2pm Kazuo Ishiguro's classic tale *Remains of the Day* explores the career of Stevens, a butler who rises to the top of his profession, while remaining stoic and unemotional. Copies of the book will be available for checkout after April 8. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC COMPUTERS

May 13, Tues. at 6:30pm, or May 14, Wed. at 2:30pm, or May 22, Thurs. at 2pm This class will teach beginners about the keyboard, the desktop, and how to create a simple word processing document. Registration required.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 14, Wed. from 10am-Noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

## HIGHLAND CRIME WATCH MEETING

May 14, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police will hold their bi-monthly Crime Watch Meeting at the library. No registration needed.

## COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 15, Thurs. at 2pm, May 20, Tues. at 6:30pm, or May 21, Wed. at 2pm Participants will learn how to find information on the Internet through popular search engines, as well as through the library's website. Registration is required.

## CONTAINER GARDENING

May 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Kay Schenck will demonstrate planting both annuals and perennials in containers. This program is co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register.

## CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

May 19, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Woman of the Year* pairs Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn as a married couple – she a renowned political columnist and he a lowly sports writer. Film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments served. Please register.

## MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 22, Thurs. at 7pm Boston PI Patrick Kenzie investigates the apparent suicide of a former client and soon becomes the target of a sadistic stalker, who drove his client to her death. Copies of *Prayers for Rain* by Dennis Lehane will be available for checkout April 24. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL BASICS

May 28, Wed. at 6:30pm Participants will learn the basics of using email, including setting up a free email account, sending and receiving email, and using attachments. Registration is required.

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**All locations of the  
Lake County Public Library  
will be closed **May 26**  
in observance of  
**Memorial Day.****

## Highlighting the Life and Times of:

### AUDREY HEPBURN

One of the most popular film actresses of all time, Audrey Hepburn was born Edda Van Heemstra Hepburn-Rusten on May 4, 1929, near Brussels, Belgium. Her father was an English banker and her mother was a Dutch baroness. After her father abandoned the family, her mother moved Audrey and her two half brothers to the neutral Netherlands, where they suffered considerable hardship during World War II when that nation was invaded by Germany. After the war, Audrey studied ballet, but, considered too tall to be successful in that profession, she turned to modeling and then to acting. Her role in the film *Gigi*, which was given her at the insistence of its author, Colette, made her a star, but it was her fragile, classic beauty and radiant, gracious personality that made her beloved. She made 26 movies during her career, winning an Oscar (for *Roman Holiday*) and, subsequently, four Oscar nominations. In her later years, she served as spokesperson for the United Nations Children's Fund, tirelessly traveling worldwide to raise money for that organization. She died January 20, 1993, at her home in Switzerland.

A display of materials on the life and times of Audrey Hepburn will be found on the Upper Level during the month of May.

*The Complete Films of Audrey Hepburn* by Jerry Vermilye (791.43028 VERM)

*Audrey Hepburn: An Elegant Spirit* by Sean Hepburn Ferrer (B HEP FERR)

*Audrey Style* by Pamela Clarke Keogh (B HEP KEOG)

*Audrey Hepburn* by Barry Paris (B HEP PARI)

*Enchantment: The Life of Audrey Hepburn* by Donald Spoto (B HEP SPOT)

*Audrey: An Intimate Collection* by Bob Willoughby (B HEP WILL)





## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.  
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm)

#### DO IT YOURSELF SPA TREATMENT: MANICURES

May 7, Wed. at 6pm Doing your own manicure is fun, easy, and affordable. Mothers and daughters are invited to a spa day where they can munch on healthy snacks and learn to give themselves a professional looking manicure. Please register.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 13, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### DO IT YOURSELF SPA TREATMENT: PEDICURES

May 14, Wed. at 6pm Doing your own pedicure is fun, easy, and affordable. Mothers and daughters are invited to a spa day where they can munch on healthy snacks and learn to complete an attractive pedicure. Please register.

#### BOOK CHAT

May 20, Tues. at 2pm *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold tells the story of Susie Salmon and her family. Looking down from heaven, the 14 year old recounts her rape and murder and watches her family as they cope with their grief and the "lovely bones" growing around her absence. Please register.

#### DO IT YOURSELF SPA TREATMENT: FACIALS

May 21, Wed. at 6pm Doing your own facial is fun, easy, and affordable. Mothers and daughters are invited to a spa day where they can munch on healthy snacks and learn how to give themselves a facial. Please register.

#### DO IT YOURSELF SPA TREATMENT: HAIR

May 28, Wed. at 6pm Doing your own hair is fun, easy, and affordable. Mothers and daughters are invited to a spa day where they can munch on healthy snacks and create different hair styles. Please register.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm)

#### SIMPLE, EASY COOKING CLASSES

May 5 & 19, Mon. at 1pm Looking for simple, yet delicious recipes? Join in this class which will demonstrate and taste test a new recipe. In addition, recipes will be distributed to enhance your collection. Seating is limited so be sure to register.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 8, Thurs. at 10am or May 19, Mon. at 6pm Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page, while learning about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration is required.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 15, Thurs. at 10am Beginning computer users will learn

basic skills including how to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. There will also be a review of essential parts of a computer, including common terminology. Registration is required.

#### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

May 19 through June 25, Mon. and Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Classes to learn English as a second language will be taught by volunteers from the International Community Alliance. These evening classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday for six weeks. Please register.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: AN INTRODUCTION TO EMAIL

May 20, Tues. at 10am Learn how to create a free email account with Yahoo Mail. The class will educate users on sending/receiving mail, the address book, and other basic email functions. Participants must have basic knowledge in using a mouse or have attended the Meet the Mouse class. Registration is required.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 27, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

May 29, Thurs. at 10am This computer class is open to students who have attended our Meet the Mouse, Basic Windows, Navigating the Net, and Email classes in the past. It is an opportunity to practice what has been learned and ask questions. An instructor will be available to offer assistance. Registration is required.



### Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

#### GARDENING: ORCHIDS

May 14, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Bob Bukvich will discuss tricks and tips on growing orchids. Due to the branch renovation, please call the library regarding location.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 22, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

May 22, Thurs. at 1:30pm Seventeen year old Randall Hunsacker gets off a bus in the flyspeck town of Goodnight, Nebraska. He has come from Salt Lake City, where he has shot his mother's boyfriend and totaled a stolen car. In *Goodnight, Nebraska* by Tom McNeal, Randall falls in love with Marcy Lockhardt, senior class president, honor student, and cheerleader. The story of their marriage, and that of Marcy's parents, explores the small, unremarkable moments on which life and love turns for better or worse.

#### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

May 29, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen



by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *On Dreams* by Sigmund Freud, a selection from the *Fifth series of Great Books*.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

#### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

May 5, Mon. at 1pm This film series features an award-winning, independent film each month. *Fraulein* tells the story of friendship between 3 women from Yugoslavia. One owns a restaurant but leads a joyless existence. Another is a good-humored waitress who longs to return to her homeland. They are jolted by the arrival of Ana, a young, impulsive spirited girl from Sarajevo, looking for work. For mature audiences, this has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. Runtime: 81 minutes.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

May 6, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

#### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

May 8, Thurs. at 10:30am Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting as taught by experienced instructor, Pat Mahns. There is a \$14 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. The project is "Flame Tree," on an 8"x10" abstract on canvas. Registration is required.

#### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

May 20, Tues. at 10:30am Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting in this class taught by experienced instructor, Pat Mahns. There is a class fee of \$14 to cover the cost of materials provided. The project is "English Farmhouse," on an 8"x10" canvas. Registration is required.

#### VIRTUAL TOURISTS

May 21, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will explore historic Greece in a 50 minute travel video. Refreshments will be served.

#### STAMP CAMP

May 27, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of supplies provided. Please register.

#### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

May 28, Wed. at 7pm or May 29, Thurs. at 10:15am "Fat Charlie" has never been able to shake his father's nickname for him. When Fat Charlie learns of his estranged father's death, he meets a brother he never knew he had and discovers a very

disturbing fact – Dad was the legendary trickster god, Anansi. Readers will discuss Neil Gaiman's inventive novel *Anansi Boys*. Please register.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

#### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

May 13, Tues. at 10:15am Father Koestler must find a killer in the midst of a bombing, and deal with negative issues concerning Father Wheatley's entrance into the priesthood in *The Sacrifice* by William KiENZLE. Please register.

#### BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

May 13, Tues. at 1:30pm Now known as Governor of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger was once best known as a bodybuilder and then a film star. This A & E video biography chronicles Schwarzenegger's journey from his childhood in Austria to securing his place in American history. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### STAMP CLASS

May 19, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend an hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few projects using rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

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## Readers Are Winners!

Congratulations to our 2008 Annual Read-a-Thon winners:

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Madeline Revercomb,

Ivori Fulton, and

Morgan McKinney,

Ali Schoon,

Dylan Niblett.

Dustin McDaniel,

Adare Pitchford,

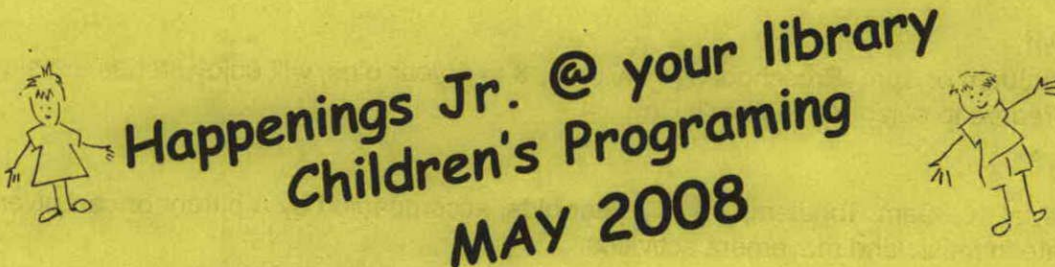
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Spencer Moravec,

The Lake County Public Library Foundation applauds the more than 1,200 students from the Lake County Public Library district who participated, improving their literacy and raising funds for their own school libraries. To celebrate everyone's hard work, every participating student will receive an award.

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1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

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### CALUMET TOWNSHIP

#### Black Oak Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

#### CHICKS & SALSA

May 14, Wed. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will listen to the story of *Chicks & Salsa* and will make up salsa of their own. Please register.

#### Forty-First Avenue Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

#### MOM & ME TEA

May 3, Sat. at 1pm Mothers and daughters will share a special afternoon. Come dressed in a fancy dress and hat, we'll have tea, read stories, and make a craft together. Please register.

#### STORY & A MOVIE MATINEE

May 17, Sat. at 1pm Families are invited to come and enjoy a story and movie with popcorn and a drink. Please register.

#### Griffith Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

#### SATURDAY MORNING WITH WINNIE-THE-POOH

May 3, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy the story in which *Eeyore Has a Birthday* and gets two presents. The children will decorate their own pot to put their things in. Please register.



**Griffith Branch...continued****BUGGY BOOK WEEK**

May 14, Wed. at 3:30pm Children of all ages will watch the short film *The Grasshopper and the Ant*, and join in a musical sing-along set in an imaginary garden. Please register.

**SUMMER'S COMIN'**

May 28, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make a cool fan to use on a hot summer day. Please register.

**Cedar Lake Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

**SNACK & PLAN**

May 5, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T. A. B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (teens, 12 and older), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

**I LOVE MY MOM!**

May 6, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Preschool age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, music activities, and a craft, as we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day.

**TODDLER TIME**

May 8 & 22, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

**CASTLES, PRINCESSES, KNIGHTS, & DRAGONS**

May 8, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy a time of stories, games, and crafts with a castle theme.

**CHESS**

May 12, Mon. at 4:30pm Kids in grade 3 and older will learn the basics of chess, practice their new skills, and learn effective strategies. Online play will be available, too. Beginners and experienced players are welcome.

**BOOKS & BABIES**

May 13 & 27, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, up to 23 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities, and rhymes.

**UNBIRTHDAY PARTY TIME!**

May 16, Fri. at 3pm It's a birthday celebration for everyone, complete with cake, and an assortment of goodies, games, and gifts!

**PLAY DOUGH PIZAZZ FAMILY STORY TIME FUN**

May 19, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will make and sculpt a variety of play dough, including some delicious ones to eat!

**VOLUNTEER MEETING**

May 22, Thurs. at 4pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, who will be volunteering at the library this summer should attend this informational program. Duties of a volunteer will be discussed and sign-up sheets will circulate.

**Highland Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

**BUSY BEES: MOTHERS & OTHERS**

May 7, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Moms and other family members will be featured during this story hour for 3 to 5 year olds. A special Mother's Day craft will follow. Please register.



## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

May 8, Thurs. at 5:30pm Members of Highland's T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board), and those wishing to join, will have snacks, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger children. Participants (7th through 12th grades) will earn volunteer time. Please register.

## TEEN OPEN GAMING

May 10, Sat. at 2pm Youths (5th through 12th grades) are invited to gaming events at the library. Please Register.

## TODDLERS: MOMMY, DADDY, & ME

May 12, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy family stories, sing active songs, and participate in related activities. Please register.

## SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 27, Tues. or June 5, Thurs. at 7pm Students who are interested in joining the Youth Volunteer Program this summer must attend one of these informational meetings and fill out an application. Arrangements must be made before the meeting if you are unable to attend. This is the only opportunity for youngsters, who have completed 4th grade and up, to get and complete a volunteer application.

## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

## SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

May 20, Tues. at 6:30pm or May 31, Sat. at 1pm Teens, 10 years of age and older, are welcome to volunteer for summer reading. As a requirement they must attend one of the volunteer meetings, accompanied with one parent. Volunteers will also be required to complete a volunteer form, which must be signed by the parent. Activities include: program preparation, set-up, clean-up, attending the reader sign-up table, and checking reader cards.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

## TIP TOP TWO's

May 13, Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

May 14, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, can participate in a spring story time that includes stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

## SPRING FLOWERS

May 22, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and older, can learn about spring flowers in this program filled with stories and a craft. Please register.

### Munster Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

May 1, Thurs. from 4:30pm to 5:30pm The monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting is for teens age 12 and older. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. If you can't attend this month's meeting, feel free to submit ideas and suggestions – just contact Brittany Spencer at the library with your ideas. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.



**Munster Branch...continued****TYE DYE**

May 17, Sat. at 2pm Teens, age 12 and older, are invited to tie-dye. Participants may bring anything they wish to dye. Registration required by May 14th. Please wear older clothes, as dye can get messy!

**FANTASTIC 4s & 5s**

May 27, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with the theme "Come and Play." The program includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

**THE MOUSE & THE MOTORCYCLE**

May 28, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will take a ride with the famous mouse, Ralph, and join in on his adventures.

**SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING**

May 29, Thurs. at 4pm Summer volunteers are needed to help run the Summer Reading program. Earn volunteer hours while having fun. Volunteers must be at least 10 years of age or have completed 4th grade. All volunteers must attend this meeting. Bring your personal summer schedule and your parent to sign the required volunteer form. If you are unable to attend the meeting, or have questions, please call Brittany at ext. 307.

**ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP**
**Dyer-Schererville Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

**MAKE IT & TAKE IT**

May 3, Sat. from 10am to Noon The Schererville Garden Club will help school age children, kindergarten and up, plant flower seed cups and other activities. Please register.

**MOM'S DAY**

May 6, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about moms, watch a film, and make a simple craft. Please register.

**YOUNG READERS, BOOK REVIEW & CRAFT**

May 15, Thurs. at 6:30pm 'Young Readers' (10 years of age and up) will have a read-in, review books, make a book craft, and enjoy refreshments. Please register.

**VOLUNTEER MEETINGS**

May 27, Tues. at 6:30pm or May 31, Sat. at 10am Students who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program must attend one of the two informational meetings. To qualify, the student must be 11 years of age or older by the end of August. Parents are encouraged to attend as well.

**St. John Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

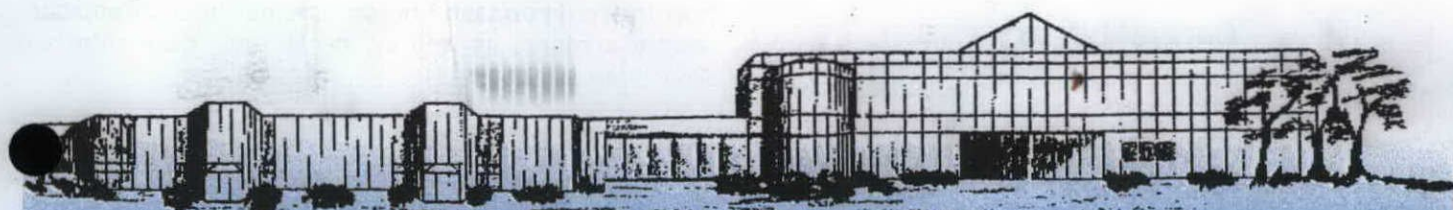
**FREQUENT FLYERS**

May 6, Tues. at 10:30am or May 7, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a story time that will take them soaring. Children will hear stories about airplanes, kites, and birds, and participate in musical activities, finger plays, and make a craft. Please register.

**SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING**

May 28, Wed. at 6:30pm or May 31, Sat. at 1pm Students who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program at the St. John Branch must attend one of the informational meetings. To qualify, students must be 11 years of age or older by the end of August and have a Lake County Public Library card in good standing. Parents are encouraged to attend as well. Please register.





# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**JUNE 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library**

## Summer Reading Has Arrived for All Ages!

Afraid of bugs? Don't want to catch the flu bug? Don't fret because it's pretty safe and entertaining to "catch the reading bug." This summer Lake County Public Library will be offering programs centered on this theme for all ages: children, teens, and adults.

Summer reading will run from June 9 to August 2. So get those books ready and don't forget to enter for our fabulous prizes!

### Children-"Catch the Reading Bug"

Some branches will welcome insect experts speaking to children, as well as bug stories, songs, games, crafts, and activities. Other presenters will include firefighters; Keith Evans, the Bubbleologist; the Silly Safari; Nature Dan; Dave DiNaso and his "Traveling World of Reptiles" and many more child friendly entertainers.

Besides programs to attend, all branches will have our traditional book reading activity where children read (or have read to them) books of their own choosing. Check out books, read them at your own pace, and find out where to return your books at the local branch to receive credit. Don't forget to have your numbered card marked to receive prizes.

### Teens-"Metamorphosis @ Your Library"

Teens 11 & older may also participate in their own summer reading program. This year's summer reading theme is all about change. What better word is there to describe being a teen or the variety of things you can do at the library?



During the summer you can win prizes for reading or listening to books! Submit an entry form for every book, magazine, or audio book you read or listen to. You might win a weekly prize, and you will be eligible to win a portable DVD player! A grand prize will be awarded at each library location! Many branches offer volunteer opportunities for teens during the summer along with theme-based programs. *Fear Factor Insect Style* will be part of at least one library program, and several locations will also offer gaming programs featuring *Guitar Hero* and *DDR*, along with other games. Call your local branch for details about volunteer opportunities or teen programs.

### Adults-"Catch the Reading Bug"

Participation is as simple as reading a Lake County Public Library book and entering a drawing at your local library for each book completed. Audio books are eligible also. Every adult reader has a chance to win various weekly prizes, a bookstore gift certificate, and one of two grand prizes! The Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville has generously donated overnight accommodations for two. The lucky reader and guest will also receive a gift certificate to use for meals or a show. The second grand prize is dinner for two, graciously donated by Outback Steakhouse of Merrillville. Movie tickets will complete that prize.

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make sure to

**"catch the reading bug"**

and win prizes during

Summer Reading @ your library

**June 9 - August 2**

Entry forms are available on

the library's website at

**[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)**

and your local library





1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

## Central Library

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKreMARKS ONLINE

June 1 through June 30 Pediatrician and psychologist, Leonard Sax, explains how to understand gender differences and use them for the welfare and education of the child in *Why Gender Matters: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences*. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### LEARN TO CROCHET

June 2, Mon. at 11am Learn to crochet or improve your skills in this class for both the novice and those who have some experience. Be sure to bring a size G crochet hook and some yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

### GENEALOGY COMPUTER DATABASE SEARCHING

June 3, Tues. from 10am to Noon Join our Indiana Librarian for a fun class featuring our trio of genealogy subscription computer databases: *Ancestry Online*, *Heritage Quest Online*, and *ProQuest Obituaries*. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Genealogy begins at home, so bring your ancestor's names, dates and places. You'll be surprised how easy it is to search these databases. Seating is limited. Please register at ext. 334.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 4, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am Spring Mill will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

June 4, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

June 11, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn

how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

June 12, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler. The Donaldsons, apple-pie Americans, and the Yazdans, Iranian immigrants, are brought together at the Baltimore airport where each family is waiting to welcome its newly adopted Korean baby girl. Friendship between the two families deepens with the passage of time despite personal and cultural clashes, and we are treated to a captivating exploration of what it means to be an American – or to choose to remain an outsider. Please register at ext. 340.

### GARDENING: CRITTER CONTROL

June 17, Tues. at 7pm Critter Control is the featured presentation this month by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service Director, Stan Sims. This program is part of an ongoing monthly series of gardening events. Please register at ext. 317.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

June 18, Wed. from 1pm to 6pm Every two seconds someone, somewhere requires a blood transfusion to survive. With just a pint of blood donated, a person can actually save up to three lives. Make the decision to rescue others by donating blood on this day. It is a quick and easy process with free t-shirts for all donors. Prior to the blood drive, you can pick up a blood donor pledge card at the library to set an appointment that best fits your schedule. Walk-ins, of course, are also welcome! For further details, call ext. 315.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

June 18, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

June 25, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

June 27, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. This monthly class should be taken prior to attendance at the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

June 27, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Neurologist Dr. Andy

### READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

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## Ask a Librarian

**Q:** Everybody's talking about Johnny Depp making a movie about John Dillinger. I know there are a lot of books about Dillinger, but I was wondering if the library has anything else about him.

**A:** In the Indiana Room (behind the Reference desk on the main floor), we have a file on John Dillinger. You will find it under "Dillinger" in the vertical files against the wall. The file contains newspaper clippings and articles about Dillinger. We also have local papers going back to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century on microfilm so you can read articles about Dillinger written at the time of his criminal career.

Akan will discuss what documentation to compile and bring to a neurologist when you suspect a person has Alzheimer's disease. He will tell you what testing is involved to rule out other dementia's that might be treatable and to determine if it is Alzheimer's disease, and if so, what is currently being done. Dr. Akan is experienced in all areas of neurology, received his medical degree from the University of Illinois where he also completed his neurology residency and served as Chief Resident. He is presently with Northwest Indiana Neurological Associates, P.C. in Munster. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

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844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

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Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about [Happenings@your.library](mailto:Happenings@your.library).

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 9, Mon. at 12:30pm Kevin Kerney is a tough ex-cop turned modern-day private eye. His godson, a soldier assigned to White Sands Missile Range in desolate southern New Mexico, is reported missing. Kerney correctly suspects the boy played and travels to Tularosa. He joins forces with Captain Brannon to investigate the disappearance. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Tularosa* by Michael McGarrity.

### BOOK BUDDIES

June 30, Mon. at 6:30pm When Charlotte Brontë died in 1855, she left behind a 20-page fragment tentatively titled *Emma*. Clare Boylan takes this snippet and runs with it: a young heiress's arrival at a boarding school in the north of England, the discovery that she is not what she seems, and her sudden disappearance. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Emma Brown* by Clare Boylan.

### Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

### CROSS-STITCH BOOKMARKS

June 17 and 18, Tues. at 6:30pm and Wed. at 10:30am Teens between the ages of 11 to 16 will learn to cross stitch while making a "Don't Bug Me I'm Reading" bookmark. We will begin Tuesday evening and those needing more help can return on Wednesday morning. Please register.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

June 18, Wed. at 7pm Carrie McGavock witnessed the Battle of Franklin in Tennessee in 1864 when 9,000 soldiers were slaughtered. An actual historical figure, Carrie's farm was close to the scene. When more than 1,000 Confederate bodies were buried in a neighboring field and threatened with desecration, she and her husband moved them to their own land and organized the only private Confederate cemetery. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks.

### GRIFFITH GAB

June 23, Mon. at 1pm The book began as a diary that Carl Lennertz wanted to keep for his 11 year old daughter. He realized that his stories of friendship and cliques, fitting in while being yourself, music, books, first job, and first love are stories we all share. They are as recognizable to adults as they would be to his daughter. This is the story of life. Despite the obvious differences of old or young, parent or child, male or female, we are all much the same. Join us as we discuss Carl's humorous and profound life lessons in *Cursed by a Happy Childhood: Tales of Growing Up, Then and Now*.



### Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### SNACK & PLAN

June 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

### SCRAP BOOKING

June 2, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for both beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring



the adhesive of choice and scissors. All other supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Join the fun!

### RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

June 9 & 16, Mon. from 1pm to 4:45pm Teens, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, make decisions in emergency situations, and keep themselves and children safe. Both classes must be attended in order to receive certification. There is a \$25 fee that must be paid at the time of registration.

### PLAYSTATION MANIA

June 11, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and pop will be provided.

### BOOKS AND CHAT

June 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Weight of Water* by Anita Shriver. Called both a love story and a murder mystery, and based on a true story, this novel explores intense emotions that can result in extreme actions and devastating consequences.

### BUGS IN THE NIGHT

June 23, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will explore the world of night creatures with stories and other fun activities. They will make a creature to take home and special 'bugmallows' to eat!

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: GREAT HISTORIC SITES

June 24, Tues. at 2pm Each civilization has left its mark, from New World Mayans to the mysterious statues on Easter Island. Viewers will visit the great pyramids of Egypt, see the spectacular mosque of Esfahan in Iran, journey to the awe inspiring city of Angkor Wat, and admire the magnificent 2,200 years of terracotta army of China. Refreshments will be served.

### BUG-A-THON MOVIE MARATHON & FOOD FEST

June 25, Wed. at 3pm Teens (11 to 17 year olds) will watch movies featuring large insects while preparing buggy food for snacking. Join the fun!



### Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### HISTORY VIDEO

June 2, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This film examines the life of Debbie Reynolds: from personal disasters that claimed

## the Staff Recommends...New DVDs

### INVESTING & WEALTH MANAGEMENT

DVD 332.6 INVE c. 2006 6 discs

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This program offers practical information from some of the most influential success coaches-the ones in demand by Fortune 500 companies the world over. Covering issues from time management to teamwork, these programs offer tips to inspire and motivate you in the workplace and beyond. The speakers for these programs include: Chris Widener, Dr. Sheila Murray Bethel, Brad Worthley, Laura Stack, Bryan Dodge, and Zig Ziglar.

her stardom through her remarkable comeback. Film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments served. Please register.

### COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL BASICS

June 4, Wed. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using email, including setting up a free email account, sending and receiving email, and using attachments. Registration is required.

### TUESDAY (MONDAY) BOOK DISCUSSION

June 9, Mon. at 2pm Signor Farfalla, an inconspicuous gentleman, spends his days painting and sharing a glass of brandy with the local priest until he learns that his mysterious past is about to catch up with him. Join us for refreshments and a discussion of *A Very Private Gentleman* by Martin Booth. Take note that the day of our discussion has changed from Tuesday to Monday this month. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 11, Wed. from 10am-Noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.



## CROSSROADS

June 12, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank, in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library, hosts this free monthly program for seniors. Call 972-7353 for more details and to register. Refreshments are served.

## DINNER & A MOVIE – FOR TEENS ONLY!

June 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm *Beetlejuice!* Witness the mayhem when a yuppie-ghost-couple hire a "bio-exorcist" to spook the trendy mortals who have overrun their home. Rated PG. Bring a "brown bag" dinner or favorite snack and watch movies at the library. Teens must be 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older to attend and have a library card in good standing. Parents must come in to sign a permission slip.

## TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

June 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm 'Tweens' and Teens, 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, may audition for the Teen Talent Showcase. Be prepared to perform before a panel of judges: sing, dance, play an instrument (we have a piano), present magic tricks, mime, or present readings (no karaoke). Performances will be at the Talent Show beginning 2pm on Saturday, July 12. Please register.

## TEEN OPEN GAMING

June 14 & 28, Sat. at 2pm Youth who have finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: KANSAS

June 16, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we travel across Kansas, the world capitol of private aircraft manufacturing. We will visit Dodge City, Monument Rocks, the Oz Museum and the Underground Salt Mines. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## STAMP CAMP

June 18, Wed. at 6:30pm Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

## DESIGNING THE SMALL SPACE GARDEN

June 19, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Georgia Keith will present a program on gardening in small spaces, including containers, patio gardens, and small backyard spaces. This program is co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register.

## TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

June 21, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Teens and 'tweens' may audition for the Teen Talent Showcase. Be prepared to perform before a panel of judges: sing, dance, play an instrument, present magic tricks, mime, or present readings (no karaoke). Performances will be at the Talent Show beginning 2pm on Saturday, July 12. Please register.

## CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

June 23, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm This classic musical stars

Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds. *Singin' in the Rain* is a spoof of the turmoil that afflicted the movie industry in the 1920s. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 26, Thurs. at 7pm When the dead man discovered on a yacht is none other than the son of a powerful senator, Judge Whit Mosley and Detective Claudia Salazar risk their own lives to uncover the truth. Copies of *Kiss 'Gone Bad* by Jeff Abbott will be available for checkout beginning May 22. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

June 30, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm This hilarious film starring Bob Hope and Lucille Ball features Hope as an out of work British actor posing as a butler and Ball as a nouveau rich American traveling across Europe. *Fancy Pants* will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments served. Please register.

## Highlighting the Life and Times of :

### PAUL GAUGUIN

Born in Paris, France, on June 7, 1848, Eugene Henri Paul Gauguin was the son of a French journalist and a Peruvian mother. From 1865 to 1871 he served as a seaman in both the merchant marine and the French navy; then he became a successful stockbroker until 1883, when a burgeoning enthusiasm for Impressionistic art caused him to leave his career and devote himself to painting. A trip to Martinique in 1887 sparked in Gauguin a passion for the tropics, and the receipt of a grant from the French government to paint Tahitian customs allowed him to move to Papeete in 1891. His painting style, which emphasized bright, unrealistic colors and flat planes, had its origin during trips to Brittany between 1886-1890 and became fully developed in Tahiti. He appreciated the "primitive" warmth and vitality, unspoiled by Western civilization, he found there, and with simplified forms and brilliant colors he sought to celebrate these qualities in his paintings. He died on May 8, 1903 on the island of Hiva Oa in the Marquesas.

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Paul Gauguin will be found on the Upper Level during the month of June.

*The Art of Paul Gauguin* (709.2 ARTO)

*Paul Gauguin, Life and Work* by Michel Hoog (759.4 HOOG)

*Gauguin* by Rene Huyghe (759.4 HUYG)

*Gauguin: Tahiti* by Pierre-Francis Schneeberger (759.4 SCHN)

*Gauguin's Paradise Lost* by Wayne V. Andersen (B GAU ANDE)

*Paul Gauguin: A Life* by David Sweetman (B GAU SWEE)





## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.  
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm)

#### TAKE ACTION: A COACHING STUDIO

June 5, Thurs. from 6:30pm to 8pm Join us for "12 Minutes to Action: A Coaching Studio," presented by Dr. Merna Sarowitz, and witness the power of personal/professional coaching to make a real difference in your life. Registration is required.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 10, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### DUCT TAPE CREATIONS

June 11, Wed. at 2pm Did you know that duck tape has many uses? The whole family is invited to discover the variety of uses and make a wallet of this universal item. Please register.

#### BOOK CHAT

June 17, Tues. at 2pm *Fortunes Rocks* by Anita Shreve is a story of a 15 year old woman, Olympia, attaining feminist independence by living outside her period's societal mores. Despite her efforts to be independent, she overcomes her trials (a torrid love affair, pregnancy, adoption) largely as a result of her family's wealth.

#### CLUB TEEN

June 20, Fri. from 2pm to 4pm Members of our Teen Volunteer Crew have a day dedicated strictly for them. On select Fridays throughout the summer members can relax by playing video games, watch movies, craft, snack, and help plan new programs and events. As a bonus, teens earn extra volunteer hours while having fun.

#### FEAR FACTOR - LIBRARY STYLE

June 25, Wed. at 2pm Are you afraid? You and your family members are invited to test your will at Hobart Library's *Fear Factor*. Please register.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm)

#### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE @ SU BIBLIOTECA

June 2 through June 25, Mon. & Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Classes to learn English as a second language will be taught by volunteers from the International Community Alliance. Classes will be in the evenings each Monday and Wednesday. Please register.

### QUILTING BEE

June 13 & 27, Fri. from Noon to 4pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 24, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.



### Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

#### GARDENING: ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

June 11, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Anna Barnes will discuss both annuals and perennials that are suitable for any type of garden space.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 26, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

June 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Sije Dai tells the story of two boys who are sent to the country for re-education during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Their lives take an unexpected turn when they meet the beautiful daughter of a local tailor and stumble upon a forbidden stash of Western literature.

#### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

June 26, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *The Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka, a selection from the *Fifth Series of Great Books*.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

#### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

June 2, Mon. at 1pm *Buddy* is a Norwegian film about friendship, love, and reality TV. Kristoffer videotapes himself and his friends pulling wacky stunts, but his easy-going lifestyle doesn't sit well with his career-minded girlfriend. When his video diary winds up on a popular TV show, it's not just



his love life that turns upside down. This film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In various languages with English subtitles. Runtime: 81 minutes. Refreshments served.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

June 3, Tues. at 1pm, or June 4, Wed. at 10:30am, or June 5, Thurs. at 6pm Beginning users of the computer will learn how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Registration is required.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

June 3, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

### KNIT & PURL

June 5, 26, Thurs. at 6pm Experienced and beginning knitters are invited to gather for a relaxing evening of stitching. Beginners will receive instruction from experienced crafter April Muller. A list of supplies needed for beginners is available at the library.

### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

June 9, Mon. at 1pm or June 14, Sat. at 1pm Participants will learn computer terminology and the basics of Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft Word is discussed. Participants must know how to use the mouse. Registration required.

### PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

June 10 & 24, Tues. from 10:30am to 2:30pm Beginners are invited to learn acrylic painting in this class taught by experienced instructor, Pat Mahns. This month participants must attend both sessions to complete a 9"x 12" canvas called "Scenic Walk." There is a fee of \$14 per session to cover the cost of all materials provided. Registration is required.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

June 16, Mon. at 1pm or June 19, Thurs. at 10:30am, or June 28, Sat. at 1pm Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic mousing skills and a basic understanding of the computer desktop is needed to fully participate. Registration required.

### VIRTUAL TOURISTS - OHIO

June 18, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will visit the U.S. Air Force museum, Longaberger Baskets, the Pro-Football Hall of Fame, and Cedar Point Amusement Park in a one-hour travel video. Refreshments will be served.

### STAMP CAMP

June 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials provided. Please register.

### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

June 25 or 26, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am The son of a popular actor and a loving, but mentally ill mother, Alan Alda spent his early childhood backstage in the erotic and comic world of burlesque. He went on, after early struggles, to achieve extraordinary success in his profession. Readers will discuss Alda's autobiography, *Never Have Your Dog Stuffed*.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

June 10, Tues. at 10:15am In London Sherlock Holmes investigates a double murder while in Utah a girl and her lover are brutalized. Copies of *Study in Scarlet* by Arthur Conan Doyle will be available at the circulation desk for check-out. Please register.

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Are you interested in hearing about new possible programs at your Library? Please join us for our next Friends meeting on June 10 at 1 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome.



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### *Gifts and Tributes @ your library*

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, book from local authors, and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from January through April.

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### SUMMER READING OPEN HOUSE

June 9, Mon. from 1pm to 3pm Summer reading fun has begun. Come to any half-hour session, listen to a tale, and start your *Catch Reading Bug* summer reading adventure. Please register at ext. 360.

### GO ON AN ADVENTURE

June 10 Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades, will be introduced to exciting books of fantasy and adventure. Excerpts from novels such as *The Far Flung Adventures* and the *Ghosthunter* series will be read. Participants will play adventurous games, have unusual snacks, and create their own fantasy craft. Please register at ext. 360.



## Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming JUNE 2008



### VISIT THE ORKIN MAN

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm Orkin Man Greg Wymer will bring live insects to display and share fun facts with children of all ages (5 and under must be accompanied by an adult). School age children, older than 5 years of age, will work on a Design-a-Bug project, watch a video, and learn about their favorite insect. Please register at ext. 360.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 16 through July 28, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy programs featuring stories, music activities, short films, and crafts. Please register at ext. 360 for each session.

### LOWE'S WOOD CRAFTS

June 17, Tues. at 10am or 2pm An expert from Lowe's Hardware will bring an assortment of wooden craft items for school age children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades, to assemble. Please register at ext. 360.

### ANOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

June 18 through July 9, Wed. at 10am and 11am Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register at ext. 360 for each session.

### McAFEE ANIMAL HOSPITAL & FRIENDS

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm Volunteers will bring a variety of rescued animals for children of all ages (under 5 must be accompanied by an adult) to learn about and enjoy. Please register at ext. 360.

### CENTRAL LIBRARY ROCKS!

June 24 & July 8, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades, can play *Dance*, *Dance Revolution* and *Guitar Hero*. Choose one of the four sessions. Children must be able to follow instructions on their own. Registration is required at ext. 360.

### RONALD McDONALD

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm America's most popular clown, Ronald McDonald, will entertain children of all ages (under 5 accompanied by an adult) and perform magic tricks that celebrate reading. Registration required at ext. 360.

## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

### LADYBUG, LADYBUG

June 10, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a story or two about these spotted insects and make a ladybug. Please register.

### BEADY BUG BOOKMARKS

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make a special bookmark for summer reading. Please register.



**Black Oak Branch...continued****BUTTERFLIES**

June 17, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will have a hands-on experience making a special butterfly. Please register.

**OFF TO THE RACES**

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will construct a caterpillar to race. How fast will yours go? Please register.

**FLY PIX**

June 24, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will use some strange items to make a picture. Dress for a messy time! Please register.

**MIGHTY MITES**

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to participate in guessing games about the wonderful world of insects. Please register.

**Forty-First Avenue Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

**BEE SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

June 10 through July 8, Tues. at 11am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a five-week story hour with music, games, and crafts. Please register.

**BUG OUT!**

June 14, Sat. at 1pm Kick off the Summer Reading Program with the whole family enjoying games, face painting, stories, and snacks. Please register.

**NATURE CLUB**

June 17, Tues. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will have fun while learning about our environment. Please register.

**IT'S THE ORKIN MAN**

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm Everyone is invited to meet the Orkin man who speak about interesting insects we see every day. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

June 20, Fri. at 2pm Young children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy this lap-sit program with music, rhymes, and songs. Please register.

**THE FLY**

June 25, Wed. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to watch the classic film *The Fly*, make a fly project, and munch on a sweet treat. Please register.

**BEE MOVIE**

June 28, Sat. at 1pm Families are invited to see the Dream Works hit, *Bee Movie*, featuring the voice of Jerry Seinfeld. We'll also read a story and munch on popcorn. Please register.

**Griffith Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

June 9, 16, 23, Mon. at 10:30am Young children, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit program using the rhymes and rhythms from Mother Goose. Please register.

**VOLUNTEER MEETING**

June 9, Mon. at 3pm or June. Tues. at 6:30pm, or June 12, Thurs. at 3pm All students, ages 11 to 18, who would like to volunteer at the library, as well as returning volunteers, need to attend one of the three scheduled meetings. Only those attending one meeting will be eligible to volunteer.



## SUMMER READING KICK-OFF

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm All ages are welcome to this summer special to kick-off Summer Reading featuring a "build your own bug" competition.

## AFTERNOON MOVIE

June 17, Tues. at 2pm Children of all ages are invited to bring a favorite snack while watching *Bug's Life*. Run time for the movie is 95 minutes.

## CROSS-STITCH BOOKMARKS

June 17 and 18, Tues. at 6:30pm and Wed. at 10:30am Teens between the ages of 11 to 16 will learn to cross stitch while making a "Don't Bug Me I'm Reading" bookmark. We will begin Tuesday evening and those needing more help can return on Wednesday morning. Please register.

## DON'T BUG ME I'M READING PLAQUES

June 18, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will use art foam, popcicle sticks, and butterfly buttons to design a wall plaque. Please register.

## DOORKNOB HANGERS

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will make a doorknob hanger with the message "Don't Bug Me I'm Reading," decorated with themed stickers. Please register.

## BUGS IN THE BUILDING

June 24, Tues. at 2pm Everyone is welcome to meet the Orkin man who will speak about those pesky little bugs. Please register.

## FINGERS OR FORKS

June 24, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens from 11 to 16 years of age will have fun learning some table manners while making and eating a pocket pizza. Please register.

## GARDEN FRIENDS

June 25, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will turn pipe cleaners and beads into garden beetles. Please register.

## LADY BUGS

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will turn old CDs into flying ladybugs with the help of fishing line and art foam. Please register.

## SHOO-FLY SWATTERS

June 30, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will make paper fly swatters, and enjoy the tale of the *Old Black Fly*, as well as participate in a musical game. Please register.

## Cedar Lake Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

## SNACK & PLAN

June 2, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

## RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

June 9 & 16, Mon. from 1pm to 4:45pm Teens, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, make decisions in emergency situations, and keep themselves and children safe. Both classes must be attended in order to receive certification. There is a \$25 fee that must be paid at the time of registration.

## SUMMER READING KICKOFF: BUG & PUPPET SHOW

June 10, Tues. at 2pm Everyone is invited to bring their pet bug – real or stuffed (no stinging insects or spiders). There will be a puppet show, and Clifford the Big Red Dog will be here to celebrate the start of Summer Reading and help us *Catch the Reading Bug!*

## PLAYSTATION MANIA

June 11, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and pop will be provided.

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**Cedar Lake Branch...continued****TODDLER TIME**

June 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and participate in music and movement activities.

**WHAT BUG IS THAT?**

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will try to identify bugs by sounds, hear stories, and play some buggy games.

**READER LEADER**

June 13, 20 & 27, Fri. at 2pm Primary grade children will be paired with young adult library volunteers to participate in reading activities, games, and crafts. Participants will celebrate their work and fun with an ice cream party on the last day of the three-week session.

**SILLY SAFARI**

June 17, Tues. at 2pm Have fun with mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and bugs at this Silly Safari Animal Show!

**BUGS OF LEGEND**

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear stories and enjoy activities related to bugs through history.

**BUGS IN THE NIGHT – FAMILY STORY TIME FUN**

June 23, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will explore the world of night creatures with stories and other fun activities. They will make a creature to take home and special 'bugmallows' to eat.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

June 24 through July 29, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, short films, and crafts.

**BUG-A-THON MOVIE MARATHON & FOOD FEST**

June 25, Wed. at 3pm Teens, 11 and older, will watch movies featuring large insects while preparing buggy food for snacking. Join the fun!!

**EDIBLE LANDFILL**

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm The Enviromobile is coming to teach us about landfills. School age children, kindergarten and up, will make their own landfill to eat. Attendance is limited to 30 children. Registration required.

**Highland Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)  
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

June 3 & 17, Tues. at 10:30 or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, and musical activities. Please register.

**VOLUNTEER MEETING**

June 5, Thurs. at 7pm Students who would like to join the Youth Volunteer Program this summer must attend this informational meeting and complete an application. Arrangements must be made before the meeting if you are unable to attend. This is the final opportunity to get a volunteer application and participate as a Summer Reading volunteer.

**TODDLERS**

June 9 & 23, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 years of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and sing active songs during these half-hour lap-sit story times. Please register.

**SUMMER READING OPEN HOUSE**

June 10, Tues. from 1pm to 3pm Everyone is invited to "Catch the Reading Bug" to start your summer fun at the library's annual Summer Reading Open House. Enjoy stories, refreshments, buggy face painting, and games, as we begin the fun.

**BUSY BEES**

June 11, 18, 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and participate in related activities. Please register.



### DINNER & A MOVIE – FOR TEENS ONLY!

June 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm *Beetlejuice!* Witness the mayhem when a yuppie-ghost-couple hire a "bio-exorcist" to spook the trendy mortals who have overrun their home. Rated PG. Bring a "brown bag" dinner or favorite snack and watch movies at the library. Teens must be 5<sup>th</sup> grade or older to attend and have a library card in good standing. Parents must come in to sign a permission slip.

### TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

June 12, Thurs. at 5:30pm Teens, 5<sup>th</sup> through 12 grades, may audition for the Teen Talent Showcase. Be prepared to perform before a panel of judges (sing, dance, play an instrument -we have a piano- present magic tricks, mime, or perform readings -no karaoke). Performances will be at the Talent Show beginning 2pm on Saturday, July 12. Please register.

### BROWN BAG MOVIE

June 13, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and a drink; we will provide the popcorn and *Charlotte's Web* on the library's big screen. This movie is for children of all ages, though young children must be accompanied by an adult. Enjoy this classic story based on the beloved book by E.B. White. Just as Wilbur the pig learns of his impending fate on the chopping block, he meets a very special spider who begins to weave messages in her web that make him famous. Please register.

### GAMING AT THE LIBRARY

June 14, 28, July 26, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Youngsters in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to gaming events at the library: *Dance, Dance Revolution; Guitar Hero; or Mario Brothers*. Please register.

### BUG HUNT

June 17, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm School age children, have completed kindergarten and older, will watch the *Reading Rainbow: Bugs*, create their own bug book, and go on a short bug hunting expedition. Please register.

### BROWN BAG MOVIE

June 20, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and a drink; we will provide the popcorn and *A Bug's Life* on the library's big screen. This movie is for children of all ages, though young children must be accompanied by an adult. Watch a misfit ant named Flik try to save his colony from a greedy gang of grasshoppers in this hilarious computer-animated comedy. Please register.

### TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS

June 21, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Teens, 5<sup>th</sup> through 12 grades, may audition for the Teen Talent Showcase. Be prepared to perform before a panel of (sing, dance, play an instrument -we have a piano- present magic tricks, mime, or perform readings -no karaoke). Performances will be at the Talent Show beginning 2pm on Saturday, July 12. Please register.

### SILLY SAFARI

June 23, Mon. at 1:30pm Catch the Reading Bug with Alligator Aaron. Silly Safari returns by popular demand to show you a side of bugs you've never seen before! Please register.

### NATURE DAN

June 24, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm Join Dan Popiela (alias "Nature Dan") of Gibson Woods, as he explores some of the wonders and mysteries of insects.

### EXTREME MAKOVER

June 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm Youngsters in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades will make fun stuff to use in your bedroom or locker, such as a Message Monster Bug, Butterfly or Spider Dry Erase Board, and Buggy Photo Frame. Please register.

### BROWN BAG MOVIES

June 27, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and a drink; we will provide the popcorn and *Aladdin* on the library's big screen. This movie is for children of all ages, though young children must be accompanied by an adult. Take a magic carpet ride to an enchanted city where Aladdin and his mischievous monkey, Abu, battle to save the free-spirited Princess Jasmine. Please register.

● Be sure to  Catch the Reading Bug! all summer long!

**June 9 - August 2**



## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

### SUMMER STORY HOURS

June 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, either Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a variety of stories, participate in finger plays, make a craft and view short films. The themes each week will be Ants, Ladybugs, and Flies. Please register.

### DUCT TAPE CREATIONS

June 11, Wed. at 2pm Did you know that duck tape has many uses? The whole family is invited to discover the variety of uses and make a wallet of this universal item. Please register.

### TODDLER STORY TIME

June 12 & 26, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft. The themes will be Caterpillars & Butterflies, and Ladybugs. Please register.

### DRAGONFLY FUN

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will learn about Dragonflies and make fly glasses with eggshell cartons, pipe cleaners, and sequins. Children should bring one egg carton. Please register.

### BEEES & BEE KEEPING

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm Ed Rice, President of the Northwest Indiana Beekeeping Association, and Mark Hovanec, member, will talk to school age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, about honey bees, their life cycles, and how they make honey and create their hives. The craft will be a bee mobile. Please register.

### CLUB TEEN

June 20, Fri. from 2pm to 4pm Members of our Teen Volunteer Crew have a day dedicated strictly for them. On select Fridays throughout the summer, members can relax by playing video games, watch movies, craft, snack, and help plan new programs and events. As a bonus, teens earn extra volunteer hours while having fun.

### FEAR FACTOR – LIBRARY STYLE

June 25, Wed. at 2pm Are you afraid? You and your family members are invited to test your will at Hobart Library's *Fear Factor*. Please register.

### BUG COSTUME PARTY

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will learn about various bugs, dance to bug music, make walking sticks, and enjoy bug treats. Each child should bring one thin stick and wear a costume. Bug headbands will be on hand! Please register.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

### VOLUNTEER MEETING

June 2, Mon. at 6pm Children that have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and higher and would like to assist with the Summer Reading Program are asked to attend this informational meeting with a parent. Volunteer applications will be available and must be signed by a parent. All volunteers need to submit a new application this summer. Please register.

### MOVIE BREAK

June 10, Tues. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy the movie *Charlotte's Web*. Bring a snack to munch on during this 96 minute animated feature. Please register.

### GROOVY MOVIE THURSDAYS

June 12 through Aug. 14, Thursdays at 2:30pm Children ages 10 and older can attend these movies chosen especially for them in the following order: *Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*.



## GOING BUGGY

June 17, Tues. at 2pm Join in the buggy fun by making a fun bug craft. Please register.

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

June 18 through July 23, Wed. at 1pm or 6pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to attend our summer story times that include books, music, finger plays, and crafts. Please register.

## TIP TOP TWO'S

June 19 through July 17, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

## PET SHOW

June 24, Tues. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, are invited to show off their pets at the library pet show. All house pets are welcome. Each pet will be awarded a certificate of participation. Pets must be on a leash or in a cage. All pets and owners must be registered to participate.

## Munster Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

## TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

June 9, 16, 23, 30, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: "Buzz Off," "Take Me Out to the Backyard," "Bug Safari," and "Ants in My Pants." Each session will include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

## FANTASTIC 4's, 5's & 6's

June 10, 17 & 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 4 through 6, who have not yet completed kindergarten, are invited to story times with themes that include "Buzz Off," "Take Me Out to the Backyard," and "Bug Safari." All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

## STORY TIME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

June 11, 18, 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm School age children, having completed kindergarten and older, are invited to seasonal story hours. The themes will be "Buzz Off," "Take Me Out to the Backyard," and "Bug Safari." Each program will include stories, games, a craft, and other activities.

## BEE MOVIE

June 13, Fri. at 2pm Recent bee graduate Barry B. Benson is not happy at his lone career choice: making honey. On a special trip outside the hive, Barry's life is saved by Vanessa, a florist. As they become friends, Barry finds out that humans eat lots of honey and he decides to sue humanity for stealing from bees. *Bee Movie* is rated PG with a run time of 90 minutes. Children 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## SILLY SAFARI

June 17, Tues. at 3:30pm Join Safari Steve on a Silly Safari with animals, puppetry, and storytelling. Children of all ages are welcome, but must be registered. Registration begins June 2nd and ends June 16, as space permits. Adult supervision is required for children ages 5 and under.

## KIDS CRAFTING CORNER

June 19, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Children, ages 2 and older, may visit the library anytime between 1pm and 3pm to create their own "make and take" crafts. Each craft takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and participants may come and go as they please. Adult supervision is required for children ages 5 and under.

## HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS

June 27, Fri. at 2pm Scientist Wayne Szalinski has built a miniaturizing machine that doesn't work, until his kids accidentally break it and get shrunk themselves. *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids* is rated PG with a run time of 101 minutes. Children ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

## TEENS and ADULTS ...

you too can catch the reading bug!

Entry rules at your local library.



# ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

## Dyer-Schererville Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

### TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

June 3, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to bring their teddy bears and play *Picnic Memory*, along with other picnic games. We will also make edible ants to munch on. Please register for only one designated time.

### FLY AWAY HOME, LADYBUG

June 10, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will play Ladybug Lotto. Ladybug Oreos will be made and eaten, too! Please register for only one designated time.

### MEET CLIFFORD, THE BIG RED DOG

June 11, Wed. at 2pm Our favorite Big Red Dog will be here! Bring a camera. Tickets (free) will be available and may be picked up beginning June 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are required.

### DON'T BUG ME, I'M READING

June 12, Thurs., at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 10 and up, will review books they have read and snack on popcorn. Please register.

### SILLY SAFARI

June 17, Tues. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy bug stories and live creatures. Tickets (free) will be available and may be picked up beginning June 13. Tickets are required.

### MARSHMALLOWS & TOOTHPICKS

June 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will use marshmallows and toothpicks to get buggy. Stories and games will be enjoyed. Please register for only one designated time.

### BUGGY ABOUT BUGS

June 19, Thurs at 1:30pm or 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will play Bug Bingo and identify insects by their sounds. We will also get a chance to eat worms in dirt! Please register for only one designated time.

### BEEES & BUTTERFLIES

June 24, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will match butterfly pieces to make a puzzle, foods will be identified from *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and colors will be matched to a bee pattern. Please register for only one designated time.

### ENVIROMOBILE WORM WORLD

June 25, Wed. or June 26, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will explore a worm's world as they transform garbage into gardens. Please register for only one designated time.

## St. John Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

### LET'S GET STARTED!

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm Bring your cameras and join us as we "kick-off" our Summer Reading Program with everyone's favorite big red dog, Clifford. Children are encouraged to bring their Lake County Public Library card to check out books for summer reading. Please register early, space is limited.

### SILLY SAFARI

June 17, Tues. at 12:30pm Everyone is invited to join us and the Silly Safari Funologists for an hour of high-energy, interactive, and educational performances. Please register early, space is limited.

### BUZZZZZZZZZ

June 18, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to hear the story *Buzz* illustrated by Margaret Chodos-Irvine. There will also be a chance to enjoy musical activities, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

### THE BEE PROGRAM

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm Becky Sherman from the Douglas Center: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, will entertain school age children, those who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up, with fascinating facts about the nature of bees. Participants will make a craft. Please register early, space is limited.

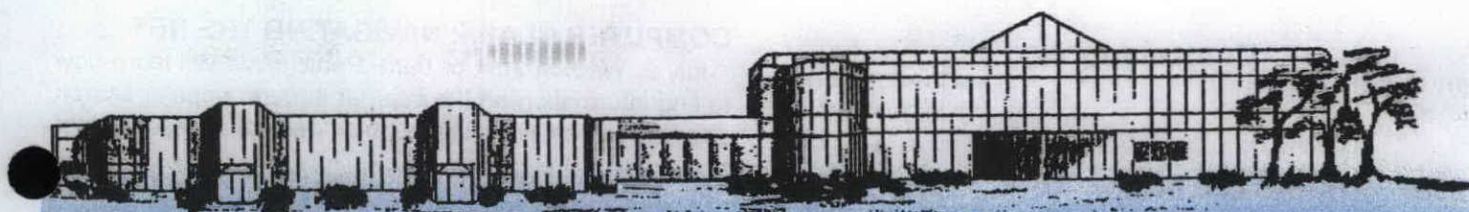
### FLUTTER, BUZZ & ZOOM

June 24 or 25, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories about bugs with wings, musical activities, finger plays, a short film, and a craft. Please register.

### THE ORKIN MAN

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm The Orkin Man has been invited to help children of all ages explore the world of insects with anything anyone ever wanted to know about bugs. Please register early, space is limited.





# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**JULY 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library**

## LIBRARY COOPERATION At Its Best!

For almost 50 years, Lake County Public Library has shared its entire collections among all its locations using requests, daily delivery, and floating collections. On the rare occasion that our library is unable to fulfill a request, interlibrary loan is the answer. Lake County Public Library has offered interlibrary loan service to its resident patrons for decades, yet many patrons know little about it. Hopefully, that's about to change! Wikipedia offers this explanation: "Interlibrary loan is a service whereby a user of one library can borrow books, videos, DVDs, sound recordings, microfilms, or receive photocopies of articles in magazines that are owned by another library. Sometimes for a small fee, or possibly for no cost, a library that has the item will loan or copy it, and the item is transported to the requestor's library to be checked out or used only within the library."

How do you initiate an ILL request? One way is to simply ask a librarian for assistance. Another option is to do the legwork yourself. If the item you want is unavailable at Lake County Public Library, you may search WorldCat, the world's largest network of library content and services. And best of all, WorldCat is just a click away... the link appears on Lake County Public Library's website. WorldCat lets you search the collections of libraries in your community and thousands more around the world. Once you've located the item, a librarian will gladly assist you filling out a special ILL request form. The rest is handled by our ILL Department whose job is to locate a library willing to lend the item and then see that it gets to the patron.

Interlibrary loan service exists because thousands of libraries have formed voluntary associations with each other to provide a combined online catalog of items owned by all member libraries. Lake County Public Library, as a member of OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), both requests and loans hundreds of items annually. In 2007, a total of 5,553 ILL items were checked out by patrons. While the vast majority of these items were books (5,078), audio and video items were also among the items requested by patrons. According to Sally Taylor, ILL Clerk, patrons' requests have been filled by libraries from as far away as Canada, Denmark, and South Africa. Here's a little known fact: LCPL librarians who lead monthly book discussions in several branches throughout the library system also request books via ILL (often that's how we're able to have an adequate number of copies available for patrons who participate in the book discussions).

In these times of scaled-back property tax revenues for Indiana libraries, ILL service is more important than ever. As budgets for library materials shrink, Lake County Public Library will continue to rely on the cooperative network established during the 1980's in order to fill patrons' requests. So... whether you're on the trail of a once popular title or a title that's more obscure, interlibrary loan may very well provide the solution!

Linda Dunn  
Munster Branch Manager

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
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Independence Day

Closings:

July 3 will close at 5 p.m.

ALL buildings closed

July 4 & 5



## Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKreMARKS ONLINE

July 1 to 31 Invite the young people in your life to join us in reading and discussing *Rules of the Road* by Joan Bauer; a popular young adult author. Sixteen-year-old Jenna learns much more than the rules of the road as she drives her crusty, elderly employer from Chicago to Dallas. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### GENEALOGY COMPUTER DATABASE SEARCHING

July 1, Tues. from 10am to Noon Join our Indiana Librarian for a fun class featuring our trio of Genealogy subscription computer databases: *Ancestry Online*, *Heritage Quest Online*, and *ProQuest Obituaries*. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Genealogy begins at home, so bring your ancestors' names, dates, and places. You'll be surprised how easy it is to search these databases. Registration is required; call ext. 334.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 2, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am Spring Mill will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

July 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### THE REGION'S GEOLOGIC HISTORY

July 8, Tues. at 7pm Dr. Kenneth J. Schoon, author of *Calumet Beginnings: Ancient Shorelines and Settlements at the South End of Lake Michigan*, will be here to discuss his book and his findings on the geologic history of the region. Find out why Dr. Schoon calls the Little Calumet River, "one of the most flood-prone rivers in the state." Please register at ext. 317.

### READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

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### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

July 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### STRING FEVER

July 9, Wed. at 7pm This electric trio of musicians will perform a variety of music using a hammered dulcimer and acoustic guitar. Selections will include gentle waltzes, up-tempo jigs, foot stomping Celtic reels, soothing sounds of the Caribbean, and pulsating polkas. So come on down to the meeting rooms and enjoy a night of free music featuring *String Fever!*

### CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

July 10, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan. During the 1930s, ecological disaster struck the Great Plains. As the very earth below their feet blew away in great clouds of dust, many desperate people fled to begin life anew elsewhere. This book, in telling the story of those who did not flee yet somehow survived, brings to life one of the most grueling periods in our nation's history, one that made an indelible impression on those who lived through it. Please register at ext. 340.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

July 11, Fri. at 9:30am Come and discover why genealogy is one of the fastest growing hobbies in America. Share some of our Genealogy Librarian's most exciting and heart-warming genealogy discoveries. Start your own genealogy discoveries by learning more about the library's most useful genealogy resources. Take home a selection of beginning genealogy books and magazines. In co-sponsorship between the Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's Advantage Club, everyone is invited to this free program. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for further details.

### LINCOLN HIGHWAY

July 12, Sat. at 1pm Join the Indiana Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association for an interesting talk about the "Main Street of America," our own local treasure, the Lincoln Highway. Also, meet local author, Cynthia Ogorek, and learn about her new book *The Lincoln Highway Around Chicago*. "Through some 200 vintage photographs, this armchair tour of the highway from Schererville, Indiana, to Geneva, Illinois visits sites that early-day tourists saw and documents the people who made the highway what it was in 1913 and the people who worked to preserve its spirit and history at the close of the century." Arcadia Publishing-[www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com). Refreshments will be served. Call ext. 334 to register.

### GARDENING: BEAUTIFUL IRIS

July 15, Tues. at 7pm If you want a low maintenance, easy to grow flower, this program is right for you. With hundreds



## Ask a Librarian

**Q:** I can't find the local Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the phone book. Where are they and when are they open?

**A:** From the library's home page ([www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)) click on "LakeNet" (located in the yellow box on the left). On the LakeNet page, click on "search". On the search page, click in the search box and type "license bureaus" and you will get links for both Lake and Porter counties.

of varieties in several different colors and combinations, irises are a popular and easy-to-grow perennial. Advanced Master Gardeners Wayne and Anna Barnes will present "Growing Beautiful Iris." This program is part of an ongoing, monthly series of gardening events. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

July 16, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### LEARN TO KNIT

July 16, Wed. at 6pm Beginners can learn the basics of knitting and the novice can improve their skills in this knitting class provided by instructor Judith Arand. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

July 23, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

July 25, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. This monthly class should be taken prior to attendance at the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

July 25, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Elder Law Attorney Gary Bonk will discuss appropriate legal planning for people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Topics that will be discussed will include the use of Powers of Attorney, adult guardianships, the use of trusts, and other appropriate disability planning. If time permits, Attorney Bonk will also discuss care payment issues and strategies to qualify for government assistance. Gary Bonk is an attorney with offices in Schererville, who a practice limited to elder law

representation, estate planning, and estate settlement. He is a long-time member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about [Happenings@your.library](mailto:Happenings@your.library).

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 14, Mon. at 12:30pm While trying to manage being the maid of honor in three weddings, Meg Langslow finds herself in the midst of a mystery when her former sister-in-law's soon-to-be stepfather is found dead. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Murder with Peacocks* by Donna Andrews.

### BOOK BUDDIES

July 28, Mon. at 6:30pm Reluctantly giving up her California practice working with troubled children, Julia Cates is forced to draw on all her skills to deal with a young mute girl found abandoned and terrified in her Pacific Northwest hometown. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah.

### Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

July 8, Tues. from 10:30am to Noon or July 14, Mon. from 6pm to 7:30pm This mouse basics class is for people with little or no computer skills. We will concentrate on moving, clicking the mouse, and learning important parts of the keyboard. Registration is required.

### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

July 15, Tues. from 10:30am to Noon or July 21, Mon. from 6pm to 7:30pm Basic Windows training will enable beginners to use computers at the library. Learn to use the mouse effectively, open & close programs, minimizing, and more. Registration is required.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

July 16, Wed. at 7pm Stripped of her image and identity after a devastating car accident and reconstructive surgery, Charlotte Swenson, a jaded model, struggles to rebuild her



life in a culture obsessed with surface appearance. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Look at Me* by Jennifer Egan.

### COMPUTER CLASS: EZ E-MAIL

July 19, Sat. from 9am to 11am, or 12pm to 2pm, or 3:20pm to 4:30pm Get started using free web-based e-mail. If you don't already have an e-mail address, we'll sign up for an account on Yahoo. Then we'll cover sending, receiving, reading, replying, forward, and more. Registration is required.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE 'NET

July 22, Tues. at 10:30am to Noon, or July 28, Mon. from 6pm to 7:30pm Adults who have already completed Basic Windows will learn what can be found on the Internet and how to find information on the Web through search engines. Registration is required.

### DIGGING FOR YOUR ROOTS – GENEALOGY RESOURCES

July 24 or 25, Thurs. at 6pm or Fri. at 10:30am Are you just beginning to dig into your family tree? Are you stumped trying to find more information? This beginning class will introduce online and book resources, including census, obituary, cemetery, military records, and ships' manifests. Each participant will have a computer available and time to actually do some research. Join us to find out what's available from the Lake County Public Library district and have some fun. Registration is required.

### GRIFFITH GAB

July 28, Mon. at 1pm Judy Blunt was born into a third generation of Montana homesteaders. Here she learned early on how to "rope and ride and jockey a John Deere," as well as "bake bread, can vegetables and reserve my opinion when the men were talking." The lessons carried her through thirty-six-hour blizzards, devastating prairie fires, and a period of extreme isolation that once threatened the life of her infant daughter. Join us as we discuss Blunt's survival skills in what was, and is, essentially a man's world, a place where she must redefine herself in order to stay in a part of the country she loves. *Breaking Clean* is available at the circulation desk beginning June 23.



### Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

374-7121

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### SNACK & PLAN

July 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 years of age and older) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants earn volunteer time.

## Staff Recommends: Magazines

**Mental Floss:** *feel smart again* – this delightfully eclectic new magazine teaches you what you should have learned in school - but didn't. It takes pride in its steady organization, with sections entitled Scatter-Brained, Left Brain, Right Brain, Spinning the Globe and Critical Knowledge. Quick, fun and educational - this magazine blurs the lines between a great education and great entertainment.

**Country Sampler** - America's original decorating idea & source book for those who love primitive, Americana, and traditional country styles. Crafts, furnishings, folk art, collectibles, and accessories are available for purchase. It also includes contests and promotions. Photography and displays are exceptional.

**Victoria** - Victoria is an elegant magazine going back to the Victoria era. The magazine travels the globe to deliver inspiration for home design and décor, cooking and entertaining, gardening, beauty and fashion. It encourages each woman to follow her dreams and nurtures her unique vision of a gracious life with book recommendations and inspirational accounts of successful women entrepreneurs.

**Collector News** – This magazine provides articles and information to those interested in a wide variety of antiques and contemporary collectibles, including china, kitchenware, figurines, furniture, dolls, and much more. Each issue also includes classified ads, collectibles for sale, and listings from dealers around the United States. The magazine provides readers with the tools to find, identify, value, care, display, research, buy and sell antiques and collectibles.

### SCRAP BOOKING

July 7, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring the adhesive of choice and scissors. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served.

### HISTORY VIDEO: FOREVER BASEBALL

July 8, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will explore the history and significance of our national pastime through the eyes and words of writers, artists, and historians. Refreshments will be served.

### FREAKY INSECT FEAR FACTOR: 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE SEXES

July 14, Mon. at 6:30pm Genders will compete in Fear Factor games and other challenges. The guys were victorious last year. Who will claim the trophy this year? Teens, 11 and up, are invited to join the fun!

### BOOKS AND CHAT

July 16, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *The Last*



*Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* by Louise Erdich. Fr. Damian has been serving the Ojibwe people for nearly half of a century and they love him dearly. But the good priest is not what he appears. This is the story of a woman who assumed the identity of a priest. Tragic and humorous, the novel chronicles life on a reservation through the human stories of people who live there.

### BASIC LINE DANCE

July 21, Mon. at 7pm Participants will learn and practice basic steps for a variety of line dances. Refreshments will be served. Adults and teens are invited to join the fun!

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

July 22, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will take a whirl tour across the Midwest region of the United States. The north-central region represents the essence of America's historical diversity. Start in Chicago, head down Route 66, then head to Ohio and up into Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Refreshments will be served.

### PLAYSTATION MANIA

July 23, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will play a wide variety of PlayStation games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and pop will be provided.

### INSECT-O-MANIA FAMILY STORY TIME FUN

July 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a puppet show, songs, and other activities about a variety of our many buggy insects.



## Highland Branch

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838-2394

Highland, IN 46322  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### SEWING CLUB

July 1, Tues. at 6pm Join this sewing group of beginners to work on a placemat purse. Call the library for the list of supplies needed and to register.

### HISTORY VIDEO: HOAGY CARMICHAEL

July 7, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This film examines the life and career of Hoagy Carmichael, composer, pianist, and singer. Film shown on the big screen. Refreshments served. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 9, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

### HIGHLAND CRIME WATCH MEETING

July 9, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland police will hold their bi-monthly crime watch meeting at the library. All residents are welcome.

## CROSSROADS

July 10, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library hosts a free monthly program for seniors. Call 972-7317 for more details and to register. Refreshments will be served.

## TUESDAY (ON MONDAY) BOOK DISCUSSION

July 14, Mon. at 2pm When a doctor delivers his twins during a snowstorm and discovers that one of the babies has Down Syndrome, he turns the baby over to his nurse, who secretly raises the child as her own. Join us in the discussion of *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. Please note that this discussion will be on Monday instead of Tuesday this month.

## Highlighting the Life and Times of:

### AMELIA EARHART

Standing her ground at a stunt-flying exhibition as a plane swooped by her, young Amelia Earhart later recalled thinking that "I did not understand it at the time, but I believe that little red airplane said something to me as it swished by," and later, during her first plane ride at the age of 23, "by the time I had got two or three hundred feet off the ground, I knew I had to fly." She took flying lessons, bought her own plane, and embarked on a record-setting career: first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean alone; first woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross, awarded by the U.S. Congress; first person to fly solo across the Pacific from Honolulu to Oakland, CA. In 1937, nearing the age of 40, she embarked on the greatest challenge of her career: first woman to fly around the world, a journey of 29,000 miles. With all but 7,000 miles completed, her plane disappeared, and despite the largest air and sea rescue operation in naval history, no trace of her was ever found. Amelia Earhart will always be remembered for her courage, vision, and groundbreaking achievements both in aviation and for women.

A display of materials on the life and times of Amelia Earhart will be found on the Upper Level during the month of July.

*Lost Star: The Search for Amelia Earhart* by Randall Brink (B EAR BRIN)

*East to the Dawn: The Life of Amelia Earhart* by Susan Butler (B EAR BUTL)

*Letters from Amelia, 1901-1937* by Amelia Earhart (B EAR EARTH)

*Amelia: The Centennial Biography of an Aviation Pioneer* by Donald M. Goldstein and Katherine V. Dillon (B EAR GOLD)

*The Sound of Wings: The Life of Amelia Earhart* by Mary S. Lovell (B EAR LOVE)

*Amelia Earhart: The Sky's No Limit* by Lori Van Pelt (B EAR VANP)



### SHADE GARDENING

July 17, Thurs. at 7pm Master Gardener Darryl Dorton will discuss plant selection, hazards, care, and the fun involved in shade gardening. The program is co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 21, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we visit our nation's capitol, the first planned city, and our country's grandest repository of museums, monuments, and memorials. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### STAMP CAMP

July 23, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin Up! representative, Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan, will demonstrate how to make several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of materials. Please register.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 24, Thurs. at 7pm This is the second title in Jeanne Dam's mystery series featuring Hilda Johansson, a resourceful Swedish housemaid in the Studebaker home in South Bend, IN. Here Hilda is determined to clear her friend's brother of the murder of a prominent local builder. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

July 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Young Man with a Horn*, starring Kirk Douglas and Doris Day, is loosely based on the life of jazz legend Bix Beiderbecke. The film will be shown on the big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.



## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.  
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm)

### POSTCARD TRAVELS

Kids and adults of all ages are asked to send the Hobart Library a postcard while vacationing this summer. The library will track the postcards on our bulletin board to see where our readers have been! Free address labels available at the circulation desk beginning June 1.

### MEHNDI TATTOOS & A TASTE OF INDIA

July 2, Wed. at 2pm The whole family is invited to join us for a Taste of India and create your own Mehndi Tattoos.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 8, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### CLUB TEEN

July 11, 18, & 25, Fri. from 2pm to 4pm Members of our Teen Volunteer Crew have a day dedicated strictly for them. On select Fridays throughout the summer, members can relax by playing video games, watch movies, craft, snack, chat, and help plan new programs and events. As a bonus, teens earn extra volunteer hours while having fun.

### BOOK CHAT

July 15, Tues. at 2pm Another story by Khaled Hosseini, *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, is about two Afghan women who are brought together by war, loss, and fate. Books will be available for pick-up June 17.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 16, Wed. at 2pm Beat the heat and come into the library to enjoy icy cold ice cream treats. Bring a topping to share with the group.

## Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwpage.htm)

### QUILTING BEE

July 11 & 25, Fri. from Noon to 4pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 22, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.



## Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

### GARDENING: WEED CONTROL

July 9, Wed. at 7pm Master Gardener Darryl Dorton will explain the different types of weeds and safe methods to eliminate them.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 24, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

July 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm *Carry Me Across the Water* by Ethan Canin follows the life and fortunes of August Kleinman, a man who shapes his destiny in the fires of World War II and its aftermath.

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

July 31, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought



and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Faust, Part One* by Goethe, a selection from the *Fifth Series of Great Books*.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

July 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

### COMPUTER CLASS: CAT-A-LOG CARE

July 9, Wed. at 1pm Participants will receive an introduction to searching techniques. They will also learn how to use their patron accounts and create lists of titles for personal use. Bring your Lake County Public Library card and know your PIN. Registration is required.

### KNIT & PURL

July 10, Thurs. at 6pm Experienced and beginning knitters are invited to gather for a relaxing evening of stitching. Beginners will receive instruction from experienced crafter April Muller. A list of supplies needed for beginners is available at the library.

### STAMP CAMP

July 15, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Stampin'Up! representative Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan. Participants will work on a few projects produced with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies provided, due at the time of class. Registration is required.

### VIRTUAL TOURISTS: COLORADO RIVER

July 16, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will explore the Glen Canyon and the Grand Canyon and meet the first woman to swim the Colorado River in this one-hour travel video. Refreshments will be served.

### LIFE COACHING DEMONSTRATION

July 24, Thurs. at 7pm Life coaching enables people facing transitions in their lives to get "unstuck" and move forward. Myrna Sarowitz, trained life coach and clinical psychologist, will demonstrate how to identify what is holding a person back and how to move past it to a more fulfilled life in just 12 minutes. Please register.

### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

July 30 or 31, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Based on a true story, *The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks flashes back 30 years to the afternoon of the Battle of Franklin, 5 of the bloodiest hours of the Civil War. This best selling, historical novel captures the end of an era, the vast madness of war, and the courage of a remarkable woman who claims life from the grasp of death.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

July 8, Tues. at 10:15am *Murder at the Library of Congress* by Margaret Truman offers the story of Annabel Smith who finds herself involved with a murderer when she is assigned to write an article about a book that may be the diary of Christopher Columbus. Please register.

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Department

## Thank you George Lucas!

LCPL patrons have borrowed the six *Star Wars* films at total of

**17,473 times!**

The highest numbers belong to *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* with a whopping

**4,509 loans.....so far!**

Look for your favorite *Star War* films at your nearest LCPL branch:

*Star Wars-A New Hope*  
*Star Wars-The Empire Strikes Back*  
*Star Wars-Return of the Jedi*

*Star Wars-The Phantom Menace*  
*Star Wars-Attack of the Clones*  
*Star Wars-Revenge of the Sith*



### BUTTERFLIES IN THE AIR

July 1, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will hear stories about caterpillars and their change into butterflies. They will also make a fluttery craft. Please register at ext. 360.

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 2, 9, Wed. at 10am or 11am Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register for each session at ext. 360.



## Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming JULY 2008



### AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm Calling all bug lovers to a screening of *The Bee Movie*. The voice of Jerry Seinfeld and others will get you buzzing to this 90 minute, PG rated film. Please register at ext. 360.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

July 7, 14, 21, 28, Mon. at 10am or 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy programs featuring stories, music activities, short films, and crafts. Please register for each session at ext. 360.

### CENTRAL LIBRARY ROCKS AGAIN!

July 8, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Teens are invited to play *Dance*, *Dance Revolution* and *Guitar Hero*. Choose one of the available morning or afternoon sessions. Participants must be able to follow instructions on their own. Registration is required; call ext. 360.

### NATURE DAN FROM GIBSON WOODS

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm Nature Dan Popiela from Gibson Woods Nature Preserve will reveal the hidden treasure of bugs. Activities and live specimens will be included. Please register at ext. 360.

### ANTS GO MARCHING

July 15, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades, will enjoy making and eating ants on a log after hearing stories and fun facts about ant life. Caution: parents who have children with peanut allergies, must inform the staff when registering, and then must be sure their children go to the non-peanut area during the cooking time. Please register at ext. 360.

### AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE STORY DAY

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm Joanna Witulski and others from Signing Kids of Northwest Indiana will present stories in American Sign Language, which will be interpreted in voice for children of all ages (caregivers must accompany children 5 and under). In addition, some basic signs will be taught to those in attendance. This is for hearing and non-hearing families. Please register at ext. 360.

### DAY AT THE BEACH

July 22, Tues. at 10am or 2pm Beach lovers will learn facts about Indiana's Lake Michigan beaches, listen to summer beach stories, and....get soaked playing water games. School age children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades, should wear a swim suit and bring a towel. In case of thunder storms and alternate date will be announced. Please register at ext. 360.

### LITTLE RED, THREE PIGGIES, & A BOOK EXCHANGE

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm Several fairy tale puppet skits will be presented by our teen volunteers to children of all ages (under 5 must be accompanied by a caregiver). After the show the children are invited to bring up to 5 used children's books or paperbacks for trading at our book exchange. Please register at ext. 360.

### GAME DAY

July 29, Tues. at 10am or 2pm School age children, 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades, will play a variety of games, listen to stories, and view a short video. Please register at ext. 360.

### BUBBLEOLOGIST - KEITH EVANS

July 31, Thurs. at 2pm Bubbleologist Keith Evans will educate, entertain, and amaze children with varieties of bubbles, some large enough to enclose a child. Please register at ext. 360.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

#### BEE MOVIE

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm Children, 3 years of age and older, are invited to keep cool at the library and watch *Bee Movie*. Please register.

#### ALONG CAME A SPIDER

July 8, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will have a bit of fun with an 8-legged creature. Please register.

#### SPIDER TREATS

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and older, will make a special spidery treat. Please register.

#### BEES BUZZZZZZZZ

July 15, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will make a bee hive. Please register.

#### THE HUNGRY MOSQUITO

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make a blood sucker! Please register.

#### ANTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

July 22, Tues. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear a story or two about the ant and make a special ant picture. Please register.

#### EXPLORING THE WORLD OF BUGS

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are welcome to visit with the Orkin Man as he talks about the world of bugs. He'll bring a special visitor or two with him that are sure to spark your interest! Please register.

### Forty-First Avenue Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

#### BEE SCHOOL STORY HOUR

July 1 & 8, Tues. at 11am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 years of age, will enjoy stories, music, games, and crafts. Please register.

#### ANT BULLY

July 2, Wed. at 2pm After a 10 year old boy floods an ant colony with his water gun, he's magically shrunken to insect size. Featuring the voices of Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, and Nicholas Cage. Enjoy popcorn and a story along with this film for children of any age. Please register.

#### NATURE DAN

July 8, Tues. at 2pm Nature Dan from Gibson Woods will talk to school age children, 6 years of age and older, about the mysterious world of insects. Please register.

#### ANT PICNIC

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 years of age and older, are going on a picnic with ant stories, ant songs, and ants on a log. Please register.

#### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 11, Fri. at 2pm Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this lap-sit program with music, rhymes, and songs. Please register.

#### MISS SPIDER'S TEA PARTY

July 15, Tues. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will participate in a splendid tea party featuring Miss Spider's Stories. Please register.

#### WE'RE GONNA EAT SOME WORMS

July 18, Fri. at 2pm School age kids, kindergarten and up, are invited to watch the movie *How to Eat Fried Worms*, have a worm race, and eat mud cups. Please register.



## BUGS & PESTS

July 22, Tues. at 2pm Do you bug your family and friends? School age children, kindergarten and up, will love these stories and games for the bugs and pests in our lives. Please register.

## SPIDERPALOOZA

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm Wrap up Summer Reading with spider fun and games. Summer Reading participants will receive certificates – everyone is welcome.

## Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

## SPIDER SUN-CATCHERS

July 1, Tues. at 6:30pm Young teens, 11 to 16 year olds, are invited to string colorful beads into spider shaped sun catchers.

## FLIES & FROGS

July 2, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 year olds, will use flip top bottle caps to create hungry log sitting frogs, flies included! Please register.

## FLY EYES

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will learn how bugs see and turn themselves into a fly with a cleverly designed hat. Please register.

## SUPER TOTS: FIREFLY

July 7, Mon. at 6:30pm Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in a pajama story time, make a glowing firefly, and enjoy the story *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Bug* by Katherine Ross. Please register.

## I CAUGHT A SNOT BUG!

July 9, Wed. at 2pm Children will learn how to avoid spreading germs and will make some slimy snot! Please register.

## GERMS ARE BUGS

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will learn about germs and will make a paper bag puppet. Please register.

## MAGIC SHOW

July 11, Fri. at 2pm Children of all ages are invited for *Christopher's Magic Show*. Registration required.

## CREEPY CRAWLY MOVIE MARATHON

July 12, Sat. from 10am to 5pm Teens, 11 to 16 year olds, are invited to a day long marathon of creepy crawly movies. Stop in anytime during the day to munch on snacks and enjoy a cruddy critter flick.

## SUPER TOTS: FUZZY CATERPILLARS

July 14, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, will hear about the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* and turn a pencil into a fuzzy caterpillar. Please register.

## GIANT PAPIER-MACHE ANTS

July 15, Tues. at 6:30pm continued on July 16, Wed. at 10:30am Now that teens, 11 to 16 year olds, have seen *Them*, they can come and create a monster ant to hang in their room! We'll begin on Tuesday evening and finish up on Wednesday morning. Please register.

## BALANCING BUGS

July 16, Wednesday at 2pm Be a bug magician. School age children, 6 to 10 years of age, will learn how to make and balance a fanciful bug on their finger or the top of a pencil. Please register.

## PICNICKING WITH ANTS

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will turn a paper table cloth, construction paper, and small pom-poms into ant covered picnic baskets. Please register.

## AFTERNOON MOVIE

July 18, Fri. at 2pm Bring a snack to munch on while watching *Antz*, an animated playground of ants with a bug's eye view of life on earth. Please register.

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### **SUPER TOTS: MUSICAL BUGS**

July 21, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will play musical games and make a simple instrument after hearing the story *What's That Sound, Wolly Bear?* by Philemon Sturges.

### **MUSICAL FUN & GAMES**

July 22, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens, 11 to 16 years of age, can try their skill at *Guitar Hero III*.

### **JITTER BUGS**

July 23, Wed. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 10 years of age, will make a mock disco ball, perform the limbo rock, and play *Dance-Dance-Revolution*. Please register.

### **BEEES BUZZ AROUND**

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will learn the bee-wiggle-waggle dance and additional musical games. Please register.

### **CUP CAKE BINGO**

July 31, Thurs. at 2pm Summer Reading participants of all ages will receive certificates of participation, special prizes, and play a marathon bingo game with a "buggy twist" for cupcakes.

## **Cedar Lake Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

### **PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy summer programs featuring stories, music activities, short films, and crafts. Bring a towel and dress to get wet on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **MOVIE BREAK**

July 2, Wed. at 2pm The library will offer a presentation of the movie *A Bug's Life* on the big screen. Children younger than 6 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

### **WATER FUN**

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will enjoy stories and play water games. Bring a towel and get ready to be wet!

### **SNACK & PLAN**

July 7, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

### **LET'S GET BUGGY WITH THE ORKIN MAN**

July 9, Wed. at 2pm The Orkin Man is coming to tell us all about bugs! School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will watch a short video, learn cool facts, and make a bug.

### **MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

July 11, 18, 25, Fri. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers, infants to 36 months of age, accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and musical activities.

### **FREAKY INSECT FEAR FACTOR: 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE SEXES**

July 14, Mon. at 6:30pm Genders will compete in Fear Factor games and other challenges. The guys were victorious last year. Who will claim the trophy this year? Teens, 11 and up, are invited to join the fun!

### **EDIBLE LANDFILL**

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm The Enviromobile is coming to teach us about landfills! School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will make their own landfill to eat! Attendance is limited; registration is required.

### **PLAYSTATION MANIA**

July 23, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games and those who wish may compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and pop will be provided.

### **MONSTER BUGS**

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, 6 to 12 year olds, will enjoy books and activities about spiders and other scary bugs.



## INSECT-O-MANIA FAMILY STORY TIME FUN

July 28, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a puppet show, songs, and other activities about a variety of our many buggy friends.

## CRAFT FAIR

July 30, Wed. at 2pm Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with a buggy craft fair! Summer Reading certificates will be presented.

## Highland Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

## TODDLERS

July 7 & 21, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 year olds, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will hear stories and sing active songs during these ½ hour lap-sit story times. Please register.

## WAITING FOR WINGS

July 8, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm School age children will watch a short movie based on the book *Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert and make a magnetic dry erase butterfly note board. Please register.

## BUSY BEES

July 9, 16, 23, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories, sing songs, do finger plays, and participate in other related activities. Please register.

## GOONIES

July 10, Thurs. at 5:30pm Teens (11 to 17 year olds) can join the *Goonies* on a thrilling underground adventure filled with humor and heart-pounding peril as they seek the secrets behind the treasure of the notorious pirate, One-Eyed Willie. This movie has been rated PG. Parents must sign a permission slip.

## HERBIE: FULLY LOADED

July 11, Fri. at 12:30pm Bring your lunch and a drink, we will provide the popcorn, to watch the free-wheelin' Volkswagen Bug, Herbie, on an action-packed run through the world of NASCAR racing. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

## TEEN TALENT SHOWCASE 2008

July 12, Sat. at 2pm Highland teens will showcase their talents, as family and friends, along with cameras, enjoy the performances of these talented adolescents.

## MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

July 15 & 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will participate in nursery rhymes, finger plays, musical activities, and more! Please register.

## PET ROCK PAINTING

July 15, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will turn a plain rock into a delightful insect pet! Please register.

## TARZAN

July 18, Fri. at 12:30pm Everyone is invited to the adventures of *Tarzan*, a human baby who is orphaned in the African jungle and lovingly raised by a family of apes. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

## THE ENVIRONMOBILE

July 22, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm The Enviromobile is back. School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to take a tour to see an interesting and informative glimpse into the life and behavior of honeybees. Please register.

## BEE MOVIE

July 25, Fri. at 12:30pm Meet Barry, an educated bee who learns that humans have been stealing honey from bees for centuries; so he decides to sue! Don't forget your lunch and a drink, we will provide the popcorn. Young children must be accompanied by an adult.

## GAMING @ YOUR LIBRARY

July 26, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to gaming events with *Dance*, *Dance Revolution*, *Guitar Hero*, and *Mario Brothers*. Please register.

## HEY, ORKIN MAN!

July 30, Wed. at 1pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to explore the amazing world of insects, including the most common and dangerous pests, with Greg and Salina from Orkin pest Control Services. Please register.



## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

#### SUMMER STORY HOURS

July 1, 8, 15, 22, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or July 2, 9, 16, 23, Wed. at 10:30am Young children, 3 to 7 year olds, will hear presentations of a variety of stories and short films. Activities will include songs, finger plays, and crafts. Themes each week are: Fireworks, Beetles, Earthworms, and Crickets & Grasshoppers. Please register.

#### MEHNDI TATTOOS & A TASTE OF INDIA

July 2, Wed. at 2pm The whole family is invited to join us for a Taste of India and create your own Mehndi Tattoos.

#### AFTERNOON MOVIE: *ENCHANTED*

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will cool off on a hot summer afternoon with the entertaining modern fairytale *Enchanted*. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Film run time: 107 minutes. Please register.

#### TODDLER STORY TIME

July 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft all about bees. Please register.

#### THE BUBBLEOLOGIST IS HERE

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm Bubbleologist Keith Evans will show school age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, how to make a variety of bubbles, including a bubble that can completely surround them. Please register.

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

July 16, Wed. at 2pm We invite the whole family to beat the heat and come into the library to enjoy icy cold ice cream treats. Bring a topping to share with the group.

#### SPIDERS!

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will learn about different kinds of spiders, such as the black widow, the tarantula, the garden spider, and the wolf spider. They will also get a chance to paint their own spider rocks. Please register.

#### CLUB TEEN

July 11, 18, & 25, Fri. from 2pm to 4pm Members of our Teen Volunteer Crew have a day dedicated strictly for them. On select Fridays throughout the summer, members can relax by playing video games, watch movies, craft, snack, chat, and help plan new programs and events. As a bonus, teens earn extra volunteer hours while having fun.

#### TODDLER STORY TIME

July 24, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a simple craft all about spiders. Please register.

#### DAVE DI NASO'S TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm The Traveling World of Reptiles by Dave DiNaso is a live, interactive show featuring a wide range of reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Having a passion for wildlife, DiNaso has bred many reptiles in captivity, including snakes, lizards, and turtles. He has studied and photographed animals on five different continents and traveled to four rainforests. Visit his website: [www.travelingworldofreptiles.com](http://www.travelingworldofreptiles.com) to see his many cold blooded vertebrates. This program will take place at the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library facility. Please register.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

#### MOVIE BREAK

July 1, Tues. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, should buzzzzzzzz on in and enjoy the *Bee Movie*. Bring a snack to munch during this 90 minute film. Please register.

#### JEWELRY

July 8, Tues. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will learn to make a bracelet with jewelry maker Lacey. Each participant will make one for themselves. Please register.

#### TIP TOP TWO's

July 10 & 17, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

#### HARRY POTTER TRIVIA

July 15, Tues. at 2pm Have you read the *Harry Potter* series? School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to test their knowledge with some Harry Potter Trivia. Please register.



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## INSECT SAFARI

July 29, Tues. at 2pm Learn about bugs and insects from the bug experts. The Orkin Man will be stopping by to share his expert knowledge of insects. Join us for this creepy-crawly good time. Please register.

## Munster Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

## FANTASTIC 4's, 5's & 6's

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 4, 5, and 6, are invited to story times with themes this month of: "Bug's Life," "Flutter, Buzz, Zoom," "Creepy, Crawly Critters," and "The Good, the Bad, the Bugly." All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

## SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Wed. at 10:30 or 1:30pm School age children, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older, are invited to sensational story hours. The themes will be "Bug's Life," "Flutter, Buzz, Zoom," "Creepy, Crawly Critters," and "The Good, the Bad, the Bugly." Each program will include stories, games, a craft, and other activities.

## VOLUNTEER MEETING

July 2, Wed. from 3-4 pm Students who have been volunteering in the Summer Reading Program are invited to a Midway Meeting and Ice Cream Social.

## KIDS CRAFTING CORNER

July 3 & 17, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm Children age 2 and older may visit the library to create their own craft. Each craft takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and participants may come and go as they please. Adult supervision required for children ages 5 and under.

## TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

July 7, 14, 21, 28, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: "Bug's Life," "Flutter, Buzz, Zoom," "Creepy, Crawly Critters" and "The Good, the Bad, the Bugly." Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

## EDIBLE LANDFILL

July 10, Thurs. at 10:30am Through this hands-on activity, children use food to understand how today's landfills are designed to minimize the potential adverse effects on the environment. This program is appropriate for all ages, but those 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required.

## MOVIE BREAK

July 11 & 25, Fri. at 2pm Take a break from the heat and enjoy a movie on the big screen. Personal munchies are allowed and clean-up is required. See *A Bug's Life*, rated G with a run time of 96 minutes on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and *James and the Giant Peach*, rated PG with an 80 minute run time on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

## SQUIRMY WORMS

July 17, Thurs. at 10:30am School age children, 6 and older, will learn fun facts about composting by attending a storytelling adventure about worms, nature's tiny recyclers. Registration is required.

## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

## Dyer-Schererville Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

## RED, WHITE & BLUE

July 1, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will play a fireworks game as they listen to patriotic music. Edible flags will be decorated. Please register.

## LUNCHTIME MOVIE

July 3, Thurs. at Noon Children of all ages are invited to view the *Bee Movie*. With a run time of 90 minutes, this film is rated PG. Children may bring a lunch but, please no red drinks. Please register.

## FLIES & FLEAS

July 8, Tues. at 10:30am or 2pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear flea and fly stories, make a craft, and see a movie about a fly. Please register.



**Dyer-Schererville Branch...continued****DON'T BUG ME, I'M READING**

July 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young readers, 10 years of age and older, will review books that they have read and munch on a snack called bugs-in-my-ice-cream. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

July 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register.

**ORKIN MAN**

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm An Orkin representative is coming to share a bug film and live bugs. Tickets will be available for pick up beginning July 15. The free tickets are required.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

July 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register.

**RONALD MCDONALD**

July 23, Wed. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy meeting Ronald McDonald and his program. Free tickets will be available for pick-up beginning July 2 and are required for admission.

**PAINTING DAY**

July 24, Thurs. at 10:30am or 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, may decorate shirts or baseball caps with paint that will be provided. Bring a short or cap you wish to paint. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

July 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit program featuring rhymes, finger plays, and stories. Please register.

**FIRE! FIRE!**

July 29, Tues. at 2pm Put out the heat of summer with a spray from the Schererville Fire Engine. Bring a towel! In case of rain, the program will be postponed to July 30, Wed. at 2pm. No registration required.

**St. John Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

**CREEPY CRITTERS**

July 1, Tues. at 10:30am or July 2, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to explore bugs that crawl, creep, and scoot through stories and the video *Roberto the Insect Architect*. Children will participate in musical activities, finger plays, and crafts. Please register.

**TAKE A LOOK**

July 8, Tues. at 10:30am or July 9, Wed. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, musical activities, and finger plays. They will take a look at a bunch of ugly bugs in jars and through a microscope. Please register.

**LUNCH TIME MOVIE**

July 10, Thurs. at Noon School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy watching a misfit ant named Flik trying to save his colony from a greedy gang of grasshoppers in the Disney animated comedy *A Bug's Life*. Bring a sack lunch and drink (nothing red). The movie is rated G. Please register.

**WORMS - OUR GARDEN FRIENDS**

July 15, Tues. at 10:30am or July 16, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will explore the life of a worm through the story *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin. Musical activities, finger plays, and a delightful snack of fried worms will follow. Please register.

**LET'S BUILD SOMETHING TOGETHER**

July 16, Wed. at 6pm For youngsters in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, the Lowe's Schererville hardware store will bring all the tools and materials needed to complete a project. Parents must attend with their child. Registration required.

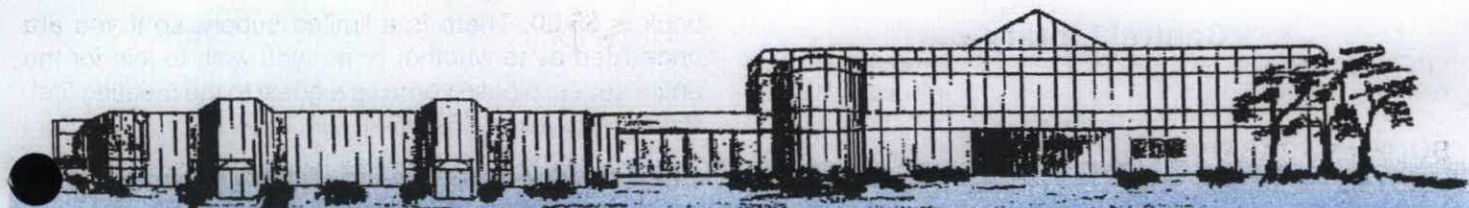
**BUG-A-LICIOUS**

July 22, Tues. at 10:30am or July 23, Wed. at 6:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to hear stories about bug eating animals, participate in musical activities, a bug hunt, and make a bug-a-licious snack to eat. Please register.

**RONALD MCDONALD**

July 31, Thurs. at 2pm All children that participated in Summer Reading are invited to join Ronald at our closing program. There will be puppets, magic, and skits to show that reading is fun! Registration required.





# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**AUGUST 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library**

www.lakeco.lib.in.us  
editor Jennifer Burnison

## Adult Literacy Program

For years Northwest Indiana has been a place for immigrants to begin a new life in the United States. People come from all over the world to join other family members or to begin a new life with a heartfelt expectation of a better life for their children. Some arrive with very good English language skills, while others begin their new life barely speaking or understanding English. Being a community library we want our programs to be available to all members of the community; one way we do this is to offer English language classes. These classes are called English as a Second Language (ESL). We currently offer four different levels of classes. The first class is for people who do not speak any or very little English. The next class level is beginning, which requires the students understand spoken English and are just beginning to read and write in English. We also offer Intermediate and Advanced classes for those who feel ready for a bit more of a challenge.

The Adult Literacy program also provides one-on-one tutoring for English speaking adults who are not reading at the level they would like. The library isn't fun if you struggle to read. We understand how difficult it is to come forward and request help, thus we provide safe one-on-one tutoring sessions for these adults. Currently all of our classes are offered free of charge.

On average we have 25 to 35 students in evening the classes are held. The population is incredibly diverse creating an additional level of cultural intrigue for the tutors and students. One of our

students said it best, "It is magical to see people from all over the world sharing, and talking English." One class I observed had students who spoke Serbian, Arabic, Chinese, Bengali, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish. This requires our tutors use a total immersion style of instruction. We actually have tutors who speak as many as five languages, but no one can speak them all.

This wonderful program would not be possible without our incredibly committed volunteers. These individuals take time out of their own busy lives to help others improve their English language skills. These hard working adults attend training classes, observe other veteran tutors, assist other tutors and when ready take on the lead tutor role. The tutors are a collection of retired teachers, former students, retired mill workers, nurses, homemakers, and more. Most importantly they need to be very dedicated, respectful, and patient while not forgetting to have fun. It is very important to maintain a fun and playful atmosphere, since most of the students arrive after a hard day at work or taking care of a family.

If you would like to join us or know someone who desires to improve their English language skills please have them contact Rosella Garcia at Lake County Public Library. She can be reached at 219-769-3541 X309 or [rgarcia@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:rgarcia@lakeco.lib.in.us).

Rosella Garcia  
Literacy Coordinator/Reference

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### Gifts and Tributes:

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, books from local authors and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a gift from April through June.

Jennifer Eileen Martinez  
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Janice Rebey  
Lillian McCaw  
Highland Mother's Club  
Robin Meister  
Kyla Ostrom  
Ronda Kovacic  
Carol Seward  
Stella Baindridge  
Diana Carstensen  
Wendy St. Jean



## Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKreMARKS ONLINE

August 1 to 31 *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Emmuska Orczy is a classic novel regarding the love and adventures of a masked hero during the French Revolution. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### ONE SHOT

Aug. 2, Sat. at 2pm Join Ray Boomhower, author of *One Shot, The World War II Photography of John A. Bushemi*, for an interesting slide presentation about this Gary native, and Yank photographer. Offered in conjunction with our Indiana Historical Society's traveling exhibit, it features Bushemi's photography from a rifle's length vantage point. Visit the periodical department from July 10 to Aug. 26 to view these historical World War II pictures. Bushemi was wounded during the invasion of Eniwetok in the Pacific. As navy surgeons attempted to save his life, the photographer gave his epitaph: "Be sure to get those pictures back to the office!" Please register at ext. 334.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 6, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am Spring Mill Health will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 6, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### LEARN TO CROCHET

Aug. 12, Tues. at 6pm Beginners can learn the basics of crochet and the novice can improve their skills in this class provided by instructor Judith Arand. Be sure to bring a crochet hook and some yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Aug. 12 & 26, Tues. at 6:30pm This discussion group continues the 2008 series with the topic: *U. S. Defense and Security Policy*. Briefing books, which contain all eight topics for the year are available. The charge for the

book is \$5.00. There is a limited supply, so if you are undecided as to whether or not you wish to join for the entire series, please come as a guest to the meeting first. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Aug. 13, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

Aug. 14, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen. Forced to drop out of Cornell's veterinary college just before final exams, Jacob Jankowski joins the circus. Set during the Depression, even a second-rate circus like the Benzini Bros., provides the public a welcome respite from tough times. This book gives us an entertaining, illuminating look at the circus and its cast of colorful characters, as well as the era in which it thrived. Please register at ext. 340.

### GARDENING: INDOOR PLANTING

Aug. 19, Tues. at 7pm Advanced Master Gardener and Purdue Cooperative Extension Service Educator, Nicole Witkowski, will be here to speak about "Indoor Plants and How to Care for Them." This program is part of an ongoing monthly series of gardening events. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Aug. 20, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Aug. 22, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. This monthly class should be taken prior to attendance at the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Aug. 22, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Program Director of ASNI, Barbara Dzikowski, will present "Crossing the Bridge: Maintaining Connections with Persons in Late Stages of Alzheimer's Disease." This program will focus on understanding the later stages of Alzheimer's disease/advanced dementia and discuss ways for families to maintain meaningful connections with their loved ones, even when they are no longer able to verbally communicate. The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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## Ask a Librarian

**Q:** Are there any charities similar to Make-a-Wish Foundation that grants wishes for adults?

**A:** You can find a list of charities for adults with serious illnesses through the library's "Fast Facts" database. To find "Fast Facts", go to the library's site ([www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)) and click on "Library Catalog" (left side in the yellow box). From the catalog page, click on the tab at the top called "Community Information". Click on the arrow next to "Event Key Word" to get the drop-down menu. Click on "Fast Fact Key Word". In the search box, type "make wish". One of the results will be the list of charities for adults. They include the Dream Foundation and Happiness Unlimited.

### MUSIC PROGRAM: BANJO

Aug. 25, Mon. at 7pm Trilly Walsh will delight audiences with a special banjo plunking program. So come on down to the meeting rooms and enjoy a night of free music! Refreshments will be served.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Aug. 27, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

### YOGA CLASS

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Have you been wanting to find a good way to relieve stress? Then be sure to reserve this day on the calendar for a fun and relaxing yoga class! Mr. M. G. Ramachandran will be here to lead a yoga class and help relieve those stressors. He has studied yoga for 25 years and has participated in state, national, and international level yoga competitions. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Please register at ext. 317.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

5021 W. 25th Ave.  
8809

Gary, IN 46406  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

## Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 11, Mon. at 12:30pm Just after their wedding, the newlywed hero and heroine of *Pride & Prejudice* become involved in a bizarre mystery involving wedding guest Caroline Bingley, who has become engaged to wed a wealthy, charismatic American. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Pride and Prescience* by Carrie Bebris.

### BOOK BUDDIES

Aug. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm At her mother's deathbed, Anna becomes determined to learn more about both her mother, Joanna, and her grandmother, Hanna, by looking through old diaries, letters, and photographs. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Hanna's Daughters* by Marianne Fredriksson.

## Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

### GUITAR HERO & DDR

Aug. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens are invited to come into the library to test their skills on the PlayStation competitive games of Guitar Hero and Dance, Dance Revolution, as we say "goodbye" to summer fun.

### GUITAR HERO II & DDR

Aug. 6, Wed. at 1pm Come into the library and learn how these fun, interactive games work. Then test your skills against others.

### BOOK CHAT

Aug. 20, Wed. at 7pm Julian and Caroline English are at the center of the social elite until Julian makes a fateful decision to break with polite society and embarks on a rapid spiral toward self-destruction. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of the 1934 novel *Appointment in Samarra* by John O'Hara.

### GRIFFITH GAB

Aug. 25, Mon. at 1pm When John Krakauer reached the 29,028 summit of Mt. Everest in 1996, he hadn't slept in fifty-seven hours. On his descent, twenty-four climbers were still pushing doggedly toward the top. Six hours later and 3,000' lower, he collapsed into his tent, freezing, hallucinating, but safe. The next morning he learned that six of the climbers had not made it back to their camp. Had they died in the storm or were they safe elsewhere? Join us as we discuss *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster*, the story of the deadliest season in the history of Everest by this acclaimed journalist.

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## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### SCRAP BOOKING

Aug. 4, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for both beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring their adhesive of choice and scissors. Other supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Refreshments will be served. Join the fun!

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Aug. 5, Tues. at 2pm Summer Teen Volunteers (11 years of age and older) will celebrate all their hard work with pizza and other treats. Please register.

### HISTORY VIDEO

Aug. 12, Tues. at 2pm It was a half century ago that Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay became the first human beings to stand atop the highest mountain on earth. Now their sons, along with Brent Bishop (son of the first American to summit Everest), make a historic expedition to face Everest's unforgiving heights. Refreshments will be served while viewing *Everest: 50 Years on the Mountain*.

### BOOKS AND CHAT

Aug. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See is an engrossing historical novel of 19<sup>th</sup> century China. It is woven together by the tale of the close friendship between two girls that continues into adulthood. See offers fascinating and heartbreaking insight into the harshly restricted lives of women during those times.

### OLYMPIC CELEBRATION

Aug. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm Everyone is invited to hear fun and inspiring stories about the Olympics and sports. Play Olympic style games, including a library obstacle course. Enjoy a little taste of China, too!

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: BEIJING

Aug. 26, Tues. at 2pm Beijing, the capital of China, has been described by tourists as China's largest theme park. For the Chinese, it is the 'Promised Land' with its lure of prosperity. Tour the city for six days, visiting the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, and the Temple of Heaven. Refreshments will be served.

### PLAYSTATION MANIA

Aug. 27, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and

## Staff Recommends

### *Pomegranate Soup* by Marsha Mehran

"The three Arminpour sisters have escaped from the Iranian Revolution and set up the 'Babylon Café' in an Irish country town. The locals have more than a few misgivings about these "dusky foreigners." Read about how they – and their aromatic foods – survive. Recipes are included!"

DB/Reference

### *Chosen by a Horse* by Susan Richards

"Already the owner of three horses, Richards responds to a plea from the local humane society by adopting an abused, neglected Standardbred mare. Despite her former life, Lay Me Down is trusting and gentle with humans and other horses alike. The warm relationship with this horse helps Richards deal with some troubles in her life and gives her the strength to face the mare's serious illness."

SA/Systems

### *Sweet Miss Honeywell's Revenge* by Kathryn Reiss

"Ever had a dollhouse? Ever heard voices and sounds coming from it? Zibby has a dollhouse. The dolls in it, especially the one on the gray dress, want something. A fun read with more ghosts than you can shake a stick at!"

JB/Reference

older, will play a wide variety of PlayStation games and compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and munchies will be provided. Join the fun!



## Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322

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### HISTORY VIDEO

Aug. 4, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This biographical film looks at the life and career of Jimmy Stewart – actor, patriot, and devoted family man. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

Aug. 6 & 7, Wed. & Thurs. from 12:30pm to 4:30pm AARP Representative will present this 2 day classroom-style refresher course designed to improve the driving skills of the mature driver. Participants will learn defensive driv-



ing techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate of completion. Some insurance companies offer a discount to participants. There is a \$10 fee, payable to AARP due the first day of the class. Registration required.

### STAMP CAMP

Aug. 6, Wed. at 6:30pm Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin' Up! will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of the class to cover the cost of materials. Registration required.

### TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 12, Tues. at 2pm The outlook is bleak for Ben Kincaid's death row client. His only surviving witness turns up dead, and he holds little hope of staving off the death sentence. Now he must find her killer so he can spring his client from prison for murders he did not commit. Join in this discussion of *Death Row* by Ben Kincaid. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### THE VALUE OF LIFE COACHING

Aug. 12, Tues. at 7pm Life Coaches, Dr. Myrna Sarowitz and Dr. Risley will demonstrate coaching with real life issues from audience volunteers. Twelve minutes is all the time needed for a good coach to move a person from stuck to unstuck. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 13, Wed. from 10am-Noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

### CROSSROADS

Aug. 14, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank, in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library, will host author Sandra Lundin, who brings to life her book *The Four Continents to Freedom*. The book focuses upon the autobiographical life of Millie Zygmunt Rytel, a Highland native. Call 972-7353 to register. Refreshments will be served.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Aug. 18, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we travel across New Mexico and visit Taos, Santa Fe, Albuquerque, White Sands, and the Pueblo Cultural Center. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### YOGA CLASS

Aug. 19, Tues. at 7pm Ramachandren Govindarajula, a certified Yoga Instructor from India, will offer a beginning yoga class for teens and adults. Registration is required. Please bring a Yoga mat to the class.

### GARDENING: FALL LAWN CARE

Aug. 21, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Jim Colias will discuss why fall is the key point in time to fertilize your

lawn and work on controlling insects and weeds. Co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register.

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Aug. 25, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm In *The Glenn Miller Story* Jimmy Stewart stars as the big-band legend who created a

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## Highlighting the Life and Times of.

### JULIA CHILD

Chef, author, and television personality Julia Child was America's first celebrity chef. She was born in Pasadena, California on August 15, 1912; graduated from Smith College in 1934; and joined the Office of Strategic Services at the outbreak of World War II (she hoped to work as a spy). In 1946 she married fellow OSS employee Paul Child and subsequently moved with him on assignment to Paris. There, a growing appreciation for French food prompted her to enroll at Le Cordon Bleu and later, with two fellow students, to form her own cooking school, L'Ecole des Trois Gourmandes. Upon the Childs' return to the United States, Julia published *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, an immediate success. In 1963, she began a weekly half-hour cooking program, *The French Chef*, which proved even more popular than her book, winning a Peabody Award in 1965 and an Emmy Award in 1966. Further appearances, articles, books, awards, and honors followed, including in 2000 the Legion d'Honneur, her beloved France's highest honor. She has probably done more for French-style food preparation than anyone else in history, but her primary goal was to instill in the public an appreciation for wholesome, well-prepared food; to savor food is to savor life.

*Backstage with Julia: My Years with Julia Child* by Nancy Verde Barr (B CHI BARR)

*My Life in France* by Julia Child (B CHI CHIL)

*Appetite for Life: The Biography of Julia Child* by Noel Riley Fitch (B CHI FITC)

*Julia Child* by Laura Shapiro (B CHI SHAP)

*Julia's Kitchen Wisdom: Essential Techniques and Recipes from a Lifetime of Cooking* by Julia Child (641.5 CHIL)

*Julia Child and Company* by Julia Child (641.5 CHIL)



new sound in music and died at the height of his popularity. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss *Crazy Eights*, Elizabeth Gunn's sixth police procedural novel. Featured is Jake Hines who is investigating the death of a thug named Benny Niemeyer, recently acquitted of murder. Refreshments will be served. Please register.



## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.

942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

### CLUB TEEN

Aug. 1 & 8, Fri. from 2pm to 4pm Members of our Teen Volunteer Crew have a day dedicated strictly for them. On select Fridays throughout the summer members can relax by playing video games, watch movies, craft, snack, chat and help plan new programs and events. As a bonus, teens earn extra volunteer hours while having fun.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 12, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### BOOK CHAT

Aug. 19, Tues. at 2pm *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* by Lorna Landvik is a story about five women, each with a story of their own: surviving careers, children, grandchildren, and everyday American life. Books available on July 15 for checkout.

### WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Aug. 21, Thurs. from 2pm to 4pm Bowling at the library? Absolutely! Adults, ages 55 and older, are invited to attend our Nintendo Wii bowling tournament. Learn how to use this new gaming technology while having fun. A short training session will be held prior to our tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Please register.

## Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
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Lake Station, IN 46405

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

### GAMING FOR TEENS: OPEN PLAY

Aug. 5, Tues. 2pm to 4pm Spend a hot summer day

at the library jamming to Guitar Hero III and Guitar Hero Aerosmith. It's a great way to meet new friends, challenge the librarian, and enjoy free refreshments.

### QUILTING BEE

Aug. 8, Fri. from Noon to 4pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 26, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### WII BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Aug. 28, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Bowling at the library? Absolutely! Adults, ages 55 and older, are invited to attend our Nintendo Wii bowling tournament. Learn how to use this new gaming technology while having fun. A short training session will be held prior to our tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! Please register.



## Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

### AARP SAFE DRIVING COURSE

Aug. 13 & 14, Wed. & Thurs. from 10:30am to 2:30pm An AARP Representative will present this 2-day classroom-style refresher course designed for adults to improve their driving skills. Participants will learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, and rules of the road. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate of completion. Some insurance companies offer a discount to participants. There is a \$10 fee, payable to AARP, due the first day of the class. Registration required.

### GARDENING: GREAT UNDERUSED SHRUBS

Aug. 13, Wed. at 7pm Advanced Master Gardener Zann Wilson will discuss shrubs that are mostly overlooked when planting decisions are made. Learn more about shrubs that can enhance your landscaping.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 28, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 1:30pm In *Crescent*, by Diana Abu-Jaber, 39-year-old, never married Sirine lives with Iraqi-immigrant uncle and works as a chef in a Lebanese restaurant. In this novel she finds her life turned upside down by a handsome Arabic literature professor.



## GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins Center for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *First Principles of Morals* by Emmanuel Kant, a selection from the *Fifth Series of Great Books*.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Aug. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

### STAMP CAMP

Aug. 12, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Stampin'Up! representative, Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan. Participants will work on a few projects produced with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

### VIRTUAL TOURISTS: VENICE

Aug. 20, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will visit Venice's most treasured sites, its legendary palazzo, and an underground casino in a 50 minute travel video. Refreshments will be served.

### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Aug. 27, Wed. at 7pm or Aug. 28, Thurs. at 10:15am Escaping the sack of Rome in 1527, the courtesan Fiammetta and her dwarf companion, Bucino, set out to infiltrate Venetian society and make a new and profitable life for themselves. Readers will discuss *In The Company of The Courtesan* by Sarah Dunant.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Aug. 12, Tues. at 10:15am Jim Qwilerman and cat

companions investigate the murder of a husband and his pregnant wife in the isolated community of Pickax. *The Cat Who Sniffed Glue* by Lillian Jackson Braun will be available for checkout at the circulation desk.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 16 or 20, Sat. or Wed. at 1pm Beginning users of the computer will learn to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Registration required.

### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Aug. 27 or 30, Wed. or Sat. at 1pm Participants, who already know how to use the mouse, will learn computer terminology about Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft Word is discussed as time permits. Registration required.

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5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

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### Forty-First Avenue Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

### END OF SUMMER PAJAMA PARTY

Aug. 6, Wed. at 6pm Families are invited to hear stories and play games as we celebrate the end of a great summer. Wear your PJ's and bring a blanket or pillow to snuggle. Please register.

### TURDAY CLASSICS

Aug. 23, Sat. at 1pm Join us for a story with children of all ages and watch the Disney animated classic tale *Robin Hood*. Please register.

### Griffith Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Aug. 4, 11, 18, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to a lap-sit program using books, music, and finger play with plenty of rhymes and repetition. Please register.

### GUITAR HERO & DDR

Aug. 5, Tues. at 6:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to come into the library to test their skills on the *PlayStation* competitive games of *Guitar Hero* and *Dance, Dance Revolution*, as we say "goodbye" to summer fun.

### GUITAR HERO II & DDR

Aug. 6, Wed. at 1pm Come into the library and learn how these fun, interactive games work. Then test your skills against others.

### A SATURDAY VISIT WITH SIMPLE SIMON

Aug. 23, Sat. at 10:30am Children of all ages are invited to participate in a Simple Simon skit, enjoy the *Adventures of Simple Simon* by Chris Conovers, and make a Humpty Dumpty jumping-jack. Please register.

### SUPER TOT CRAFT

Aug. 25, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy the story *How Will We Get to the Beach?* by Brigitte Luciana, and make an edible swimming pool! Please register.

### HANDY HANDS

Aug. 27, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will make hand-shaped magnets to hold their paperwork on the refrigerator in our first after school craft. Please register.

### HOME SCHOOL THURSDAY

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 2pm Home schooled children, grades kindergarten and up, will make a magic slate and hear a chapter from *A Gathering of Days* by Joan Blos. Please register.



**Cedar Lake Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)  
10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

#### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY**

Aug. 5, Tues. at 2pm Summer Teen Volunteers (11 years of age and older) will celebrate all their hard work with pizza and other treats. Please register.

#### **TODDLER TIME**

Aug. 14, 28, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more.

#### **OLYMPIC CELEBRATION**

Aug. 25, Mon. at 6:30pm Everyone is invited to hear entertaining and inspiring stories about the Olympics and sports. Play Olympic style games, including a library obstacle course. Enjoy a little taste of China, too!

#### **PLAYSTATION MANIA**

Aug. 27, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation* games and compete in tournaments. Everyone will win prizes. Food and munchies will be provided. Join the fun!

**Highland Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)  
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

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### **HOBART TOWNSHIP**

**Hobart Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)  
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**Lake Station-New Chicago Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)  
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

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**Munster Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)  
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

#### **END OF SUMMER READING CARNIVAL**

Aug. 2, Sat. from 1:30pm to 3pm Summer Reading participants are invited to a carnival! Certificates of Completion will be available for pickup, as well as participants' summer reading cards and ribbons. Children may play carnival games to win extra summer reading prizes, as well as get their faces painted. Adult supervision required for children ages 5 and under. Reading tickets will NOT be exchanged for prizes at this event.

#### **STUDENT VOLUNTEER MEETING**

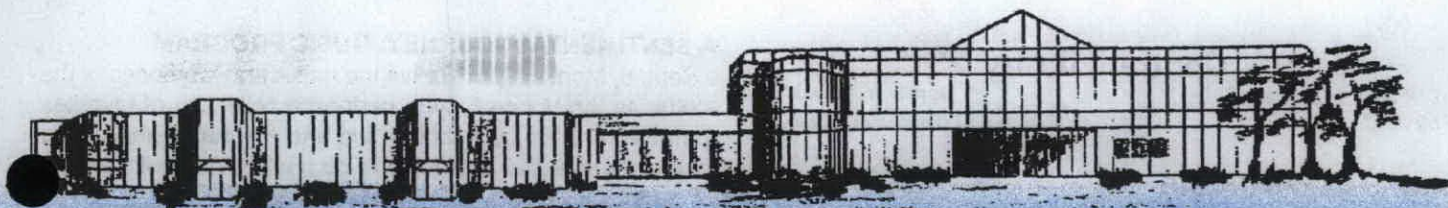
Aug. 2, Sat. from 3pm to 4pm All student volunteers who helped during the Summer Reading Program in June and July are invited to a "Thank You!" Pizza Party.

### **ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP**

**Dyer-Schererville Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm) **St. John Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)  
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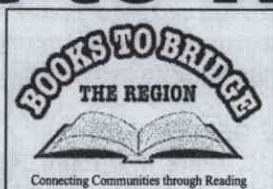
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## SEPTEMBER 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library

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## What to Read?

Wondering what to read this month? Well, worry no more because several people from the "the region" have gotten together and brainstormed ideas just for you! There are special programs and events tied with the books that will make your reading experience even more enjoyable.



Time Out for Reading: "Put Your Nose in a Book and Read!" on October 3, and each book will have a signature event.

*Books to Bridge the Region* is a reading initiative that encompasses seven Northwest Indiana counties: Jasper, Lake, Porter, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, and Starke. Area residents are encouraged to read books on a common theme.

Rather than selecting one book that would limit readership to a specific level of readers, the *Books to Bridge the Region* selection committee adopted a themed approach with multigenerational selections. Families can read together and readers of all ages can enjoy conversations generated by these books. In addition, this approach lends itself to varied programming that libraries, K-12 schools, colleges, and universities can offer the communities in Northwest Indiana.

The books chosen follow the theme, "Journeys and Quests."

The selected titles are:

**Adult:** *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson  
**Young Adult:** *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

**Easy Reader:** *The Journey of Oliver K. ...* by Darcy Pattison

The kick-off event will be combined with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition's

One special event will be a presentation by Chris Kohl and Joan Forseberg from the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago called *Shipwreck Tales of the Great Lakes*. It will be held on Saturday, October 11, from 2 to 3 p.m. at our Lake Station-New Chicago Branch. This program is a "collection of interesting and true tales of the Great Lakes. A little mystery, murder and mayhem that only history can give you,"—Joan Forsberg, President, Underwater Archeological Society of Chicago.

There will also be author visits to keep an eye out for! Darci Patterson will be visiting the Academic Learning Center in Crown Point on Oct. 6, St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer on Oct. 7, and she will even pop in for a visit at Borders in the Westfield Shopping Mall in Merrillville. On Oct. 18, Robert Kurson will visit the Portage Branch of the Porter County Public Library for an afternoon presentation, and the Michigan City Public Library for an evening presentation.

For more information and a list of events in your local area, please visit the website at [www.books2bridge.org](http://www.books2bridge.org)

Jennifer Burnison  
Marketing Manager

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It's time to look forward to the Friends' of the Library's Annual Fall Book Sale offering more than 10,000 hard cover and soft cover books, fiction and non-fiction, paperbacks, children's books, puzzles, DVDs, Videos, CDs, audio cassettes, vinyl records, magazines and rare books. Mark your calendars for:

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**Oct. 3 from 1pm to 4pm,**

**Saturday,**

**Oct. 4 from 9:30am to 4pm**

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### BOOKReMARKS ONLINE

Sept. 1-30 *Three Bags Full: A Sheep Detective Story* by Leonie Swann is original and amusing. In this international bestseller, a flock of sheep set out to solve the murder of their beloved shepherd. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH CARE

September through Oct. 15 in the Periodicals Department – The identification and care of the most common 19<sup>th</sup> century photographic processes is showcased in a traveling exhibition from the Indiana Historical Museum. *A Perfect Likeness: Care and Identification of Family Photographs* focuses on identifying and caring for daguerreotype, tintype, ambrotype, cabinet card, and carte de visite photographs. This exhibit is brought to you by the Lake County Public Library and the Lake County Historical Society. Also coming on Oct. 11: The Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society and the Lake County Public Library will feature a program *Repairing Our Photographs* by Eric Basir of Photo Grafix. Watch for October's *Happenings* for more details.

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Sept. 1 through Oct. 22, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm English as a Second Language (ESL) classes begin this Fall with four levels: Non-English Speaking, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. Individuals will be assessed to determine their level. Classes are free and no registration is required. Please bring a pencil and paper. Call ext. 309 for further details.

### LEARN TO CROCHET

Sept. 2, Tues. at 11am Learn to crochet or improve your skills in this class for both the novice and those who have some experience. Be sure to bring a crochet hook and some yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 3, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 3, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY: MUSIC PROGRAM

Sept. 8, Mon. at 7pm Relive the music and memories of the 1940s as the Vogrin Sisters perform a collection of favorites from that era! Enjoy a time of fun and entertainment as you take a *Sentimental Journey* and go back in time with a night of free music.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Sept. 9 & 23, Tues. at 6:30pm This discussion group continues the 2008 series with the topic: *Latin America: Shift to the Left*. Briefing books, which contain all eight topics for the year, are now available. The charge for the books is \$5.00. There is a limited supply, so if you are undecided as to whether or not you wish to join for the entire series, please come as a guest to this discussion meeting. Please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 10, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Next* by Michael Crichton. This popular author's take on such timely topics as genetic testing, gene patents, cloning, questionable biotech techniques, depicts the greed that drives the unscrupulous to stop at nothing to profit from them all. Please register at ext. 340.

### 2<sup>ND</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Sept. 12, Fri. at 9:30am Author of *A Pebble in My Shoe*, Katherine Hoeger Flotz, will be here to talk about her book. It is a story of survival by two families in the turmoil of World War II in Yugoslavia. The author recalls her memoirs as a child of nine in a concentration camp, suffering serious illness, hunger and fear. Her husband's family travelled throughout Germany during the last months of WWII always one step ahead of the enemy. In co-sponsorship between Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's Advantage Club, everyone is invited to this free program. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for further details.

### GARDENING

Sept. 16, Tues. at 7pm ISA certified arborist, Russell Hodge will be here to present a program on *Proper Trimming and Pruning Practices of Trees*. This is part of an ongoing monthly series of gardening events. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Sept. 17, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### REGION GEOLOGIC HISTORY: PART II

Sept. 18, Thurs. at 7pm Dr. Kenneth Schoon, author of *Calumet Beginnings: Ancient Shorelines and Settlements at the South End of Lake Michigan*, will discuss his book and findings on the geologic history of the region. Find out why Dr. Schoon calls the Little Calumet River, "one of the most flood-prone rivers in the state." Please register at ext. 317.

### READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

**OLÉ! Hispanic-Americans**



## Ask a Librarian

Where do I register to vote in Lake County?

**A:** You can register to vote at the Lake County Government Center in the Board of Elections office. Voter registration applications can be found online by using a search engine such as "Google". Just enter the key words: "Indiana voter registration form" and click on the link for the form. More information on voting in Indiana may be found on the web site of the Indiana Secretary of State: [www.in.gov/sos/elections](http://www.in.gov/sos/elections)

### WOMEN'S FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT: A SEMINAR FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

Sept. 20, Sat. from 9:30am to Noon The Calumet Area Branch of the American Association of University Women will host a Financial Empowerment Seminar geared toward women of all ages. There will be a keynote speech by Senior Financial Advisor Joanne Rincker titled *Money Management: the Key to Financial Independence for All Ages*. Two workshops will follow: *Your Financial Future-A Workshop for Women in Mid-Life and Retirement*, and *Financial Fitness-A Workshop for Young Women in Their Teens and Twenties*, taught by Dr. Colette Morrow, University Professor and past President of National Women's Studies Association. Refreshments will be served. For information and registration please call ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Sept. 24, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

### LAUGHTER YOGA

Sept. 24, Wed. at 7pm All ages are invited to this program led by certified instructor, Tanaz Bamboat, will lead participants in combining simple laughter exercises and gentle yoga breathing to enhance health, happiness, and healing. This can be done by standing or sitting in a chair. Please register at ext. 317.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Sept. 26, Fri. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. This monthly class should be taken prior to attendance at the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Sept. 26, Fri. from Noon to 1:30pm Geriatric Physician Raji Majety, MD, will speak on issues relative to aging, geriatric care, and Alzheimer's disease, as well as other forms of dementia. This basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about [Happenings@your.library](mailto:Happenings@your.library).

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm Maxie packs her belongings into her RV, ready for cruising along the Alaska Highway, when her old friend Sarah calls. By the time she pulls into Colorado Junction, her friend is in the hospital, barely conscious. Then Sarah's house is broken into and ransacked. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *The Serpents Trail* by Sue Henry.

### BOOK BUDDIES

Sept. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm When his experimental aircraft is forced down over the Bering Sea by Russians, U. S. Air Force Major Joseph "Joe Mack" Makatozi must seek his safety in the uncharted wilds of Siberia. There he is pursued by Colonel Zamatev of the GRU and by a Yakut tracker. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *Last of the Breed* by Louis L'Amour.

### Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

### BOOK CHAT

Sept. 17, Wed. at 7pm Based on the story of Mary Jemison, who in 1758 was taken by a Shawnee raiding party from her home near Gettysburg, this novel describes her life among the Seneca and reveals how she became an integral part of their tribe. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *The White* by Deborah Larsen.

### GRIFFITH GAB

Sept. 22, Mon. at 1pm A funny thing happened to Franz Wisner on the way to the altar...his fiancée dumped him. With guests en-route and everything paid for, he decides to have his wedding anyway...minus the bride. He then takes his brother on his honeymoon, and extends it for a couple of years traveling through 53 countries. Join us as we discuss *Honeymoon With My Brother: A Memoir* as the two brothers make discoveries about themselves and the world as they meet an eclectic cast of characters encountered along the way.

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**In observance of Labor Day all Branches of the Lake County Public Library will be closed September 1, 2008.**





## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

374-7121

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### BASIC LINE DANCE

Sept. 3, Wed. at 7pm Participants will learn and practice basic steps for a variety of line dances. Refreshments will be served. Join the fun.

### SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 8, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants earn volunteer hours.

### SCRAP BOOKING

Sept. 8, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring their adhesive of choice and scissors. Other supplies will be provided by the scrap book consultant. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Refreshments will be served. Join the fun.

### HISTORY VIDEO

Sept. 9, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy a detailed portrait of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh and his wife, noted author Anne Morrow. Going beyond the well-known events of their lives, this is the intimate story of one of the most revered – and reviled – couples of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Refreshments will be served.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 10 or 18, Wed. or Thurs. at 1pm Participants will learn the basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse, filling in different types of forms, and typing. Registration required.

### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 10, 18, at 2pm, and Sept. 22 at 6:30pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Registration required.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web (www). Registration required.

### CRAFTING MANIA

Sept. 15 & 16, Mon. & Tues. from 3pm to 5pm Teens will make tie-dye t-shirts and/or duct tape creations. Please bring a t-shirt. All other materials and refreshments will be supplied.

### GENEALOGY SEARCHING ON THE WEB

Sept. 15, Mon. at 6:30pm, or Sept. 25, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will discover the amount of information available on the Internet for tracing their ancestors, and learn how to use the library's *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases. Every participant will have a computer and will have time to do some online research, so bring whatever information you have available. Registration required.

## Staff Recommends

### Magazines

**Cosmo Girl** – in addition to stars, gossip, and an abundance of fashion, you will also find content related to careers and college in this teen version of *Cosmopolitan*. *Cosmo Girl* strives to give young readers practical advice for dealing with a multitude of difficult situations "teens" will likely find themselves in.

**J-14: Just for Teens** – is a colorful, glossy teen magazine that focuses on younger stars as well as pop artists and other heartthrobs of the moment. Fun features include pull out posters and contests, beauty and fashion tips abound as well as red carpet dos and don'ts.

**Right On!** – is a teen celeb magazine geared toward black youth. *Right On!* features lots of celebrity photos and interviews as well as fashion tips, embarrassing moments and quizzes. The focus is on urban culture, including actors and hip-hop artists. Music and book reviews with apt rating systems are a nice addition to this teen magazine.

**Teen Vogue** – is the highest circulating of the teen equivalent of adult fashion titles. *Teen Vogue* is a fashion magazine for teenagers who are passionate about style, the fashion industry, beauty, health, and entertainment news. Published ten times a year, it represents the best in teen fashion through gorgeous photography, world-class styling, access to the fashion industry's brightest stars, and breaking news about health and family issues, as well as beauty tips.

### BOOKS AND CHAT

Sept. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri. This Pulitzer Prize winning collection of short stories explores Indian tradition and culture, both in India and among US immigrants. The stories vary from those about the loss of a child, a troubled marriage, or difficult relationships, while highlighting the difficulty of displacement, separation, and of fitting-in.

### COMPUTER CLASS: EMAIL BASICS

Sept. 22, Mon. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using email, including setting up a free email account, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments. Registration required.

### KNITTING CLASS

Sept. 22 & 29, Mon. at 7pm Both beginning and experienced knitters will receive instruction. Participants should bring size 7 knitting needles and cotton yarn.

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: KENTUCKY

Sept. 23, Tues. at 2pm Kentucky is famous for its thoroughbred horses, bourbon, and baseball bats. Travel this beautiful state, with its wide variety of geography and physical beauty. Visit Carter Cave State Resort Park, a bourbon distillery, and the Blue Grass Cooperage, one of only two whiskey barrel manufacturers in the US. Refreshments will be served.



## GAME PLAY

Sept. 23, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, will play a wide variety of PlayStation and Wii games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun.

## PAJAMARAMA FAMILY STORY TIME FUN

Sept. 29, Mon. at 3:30pm Families will participate in library games and kids who show their library cards (or apply for their first one) will win a prize. Children may celebrate *Library Card Sign Up* month in their pj's while participating in activities all about books, bedtime, and library fun.

## COMPUTER CLASS: ONLINE CATALOG

Sept. 30, Tues. at 2pm Participants will learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. They will learn to use the online catalog with confidence from any computer with an Internet connection. Registration required.



## Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

## STAMP CAMP

Sept. 3, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up! representative Melissa Sullivan-Krenkel will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials. Registration required.

## HISTORY VIDEO

Sept. 8, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we present a film on the library's big screen that traces the life and career of Cary Grant, from early childhood to his last years in Bristol, England. Refreshments served. Please register.

## TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 9, Tues. at 2pm Join us for the discussion of *The Glass Castle* in which Jeannette Walls chronicles her upbringing and that of her three siblings at the hands of their eccentric and neglectful parents. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 10, Wed. from 10am-Noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

## HIGHLAND CRIME WATCH MEETING

Sept. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police Department will hold their bi-monthly crime watch meeting. No registration required.

## CROSSROADS

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 10:30am Highland author, Sandra Lundin, brings to life her book *Four Continents to Freedom*, the biographical account of the life of Millie Rytel, a Polish resident who was forced by Russian soldiers into Siberian slavery during World War II. This free program is co-sponsored with First Financial Bank. Refreshments will be served. Please call 972-7317 to register.

## TEEN OPEN GAMING

Sept. 13, Sat. at 2pm Youngsters who have already completed

4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.

## ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Sept. 15, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us on this visual tour of Maine, where we will learn the importance of lobster to the state's identity and economy. We will also visit Bar Harbor, East port, and Acadia National Park. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## BEGINNING YOGA CLASS

Sept. 16, Tues. at 7pm Ramachandren Govindarajula, Certified Yoga Instructor from India, will offer a free, beginning yoga class for teens and adults. Bring a yoga mat to the class. Registration is required by calling the library.

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## Highlighting the Life and Times of:

### JESSE OWENS

The celebration of the 2008 Olympics just concluded is an appropriate time to remember one of the greatest Olympians and American athletes of all time, Jesse Owens.

James Cleveland Owens was born on September 12, 1913, in Oakville, Alabama, the youngest of 10 children. A sensation in track and field in high school and then at Ohio State University, where he broke three world records and tied a fourth in the space of 45 minutes, he entered the 1936 Olympics held in Berlin, Germany. Though the Nazis had hoped to prove Aryan supremacy by the superior prowess of German athletes, after the African American Jesse won four gold medals, even Hitler was cheering for him.

Jesse continued to run professionally, and later started his own public relations firm. He was a firm believer that athletic competition, clean living, and fair play could help solve racial and political problems. In 1976 he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Gerald Ford. He died at Tucson, Arizona, on Mar 31, 1980, an acknowledged master of the spirit, as well as the mechanics of sport.

*Jesse Owens: An American Life* by William J. Baker (B OWE BAKE)

*Jesse Owens: Champion Athlete* by Tony Gentry (B OWE GENT)

*I Have Changed* by Jesse Owens (B OWE OWEN)

*The Hard Way: Writing by the Rebels Who Changed Sports*, edited by Will Balliet and Thomas Dyja, (796.0922 HARD)

*Out of the Shadows: A Biographical History of African American Athletes*, edited by David K. Wiggins (796.092396 OUTO)

*Triumph: The Untold Story of Jesse Owens and Hitler's Olympics* by Jeremy Schaap (796.42092 SCHA)



## Highland Branch...continued

### INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 18, Thurs. at 2pm Readers will discuss *The Redemption of Sara Cain* by Beverly Lewis. This novel uses family tragedy to thrust an English character, Sarah Cain, into the Amish world of her five nieces and nephews. Please register.

### WILDFLOWERS

Sept. 18, Thurs. at 6:30pm Master Gardener Dian Fruth will discuss the preparations you can make now to have beautiful wildflowers in the spring. This program is co-sponsored with the Highland Redevelopment Commission. Please register.

### UBUNTU INFORMATION - PART 1

Sept. 20, Sat. at 1pm If your computer is taking too long to boot, or software is too expensive, you might be interested in learning more about Ubuntu. Ubuntu is a free operating system that has been proven to be safer than Windows. Come in to learn more. Please register.

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sept. 22, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Katherine Hepburn and Cary Grant star in *Holiday*, a classic film about a charming non-conformist who falls in love with his fiancé's sister. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 7pm Cordelia Gray, the owner of an unsuccessful detective agency, is hired by Sir Ronald Callender to investigate his son's death. Join us as we discuss *An Unsuitable Job for a Woman* by P. D. James.

### UBUNTU INFORMATION -PART II

Sept. 27, Sat. at 1pm Ubuntu is a free operating system that has been proven to be safer than Windows. Bring a CD-R to burn your own copy of Ubuntu and find out how to use it. Register to learn more.

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sept. 29, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Set in New York City *That Touch of Mink* stars Doris Day as an unemployed secretary, who finds herself involved with Cary Grant, a business tycoon in a game of "cat and mouse." Refreshments will be served. Please register.



## HOBERT TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.

942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 9, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### BOOK CHAT

Sept. 16, Tues. at 2pm *The Quilter's Apprentice* by Jennifer Chiaverini is about a woman struggling to find a job and a sense of place in her new town. She finds herself learning how to quilt

from a cantankerous old woman, who also teaches her about the deep love that can exist between friends.

### TIME TO MAKE THE DONUTS

Sept. 17, Wed. at 6pm The entire family is invited to make homemade donuts at the library. Please register.

### Wii ARE COOL KIDS

Sept. 20, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Take a break from homework to play Wii games at the library or play Guitar Hero games on our PS2s. You can even bring your own PS2 or Wii games to share, but they must be rated E for everyone or T for teen. Refreshments will be provided.

## Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.

962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

### ESL CLASSES @ SU BIBLIOTECA

Sept. 8 through Nov. 5, Mon. & Wed. from 6:30pm to 8pm English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be taught by volunteers from the International Community Alliance. This ongoing class is free to all participants. Please call to register.

### QUILTING BEE

Sept. 12 & 26, Fri. from Noon to 4pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 23, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### CITIZENSHIP CLASSES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Sept. 24 through Dec. 15, Wednesdays & Mondays, from 6:30pm to 8pm Classes to become a United States citizen will take place with the help of volunteers from the International Community Alliance. Please register.

### Wii ARE COOL KIDS

Sept. 25, Thurs. from 3pm to 5pm Take a break from homework to play Wii games at the library or play Guitar Hero games on our PS2s. You can even bring your own PS2 or Wii games to share, but they must be rated E for everyone or T for teen. Refreshments will be provided.



## Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.

836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

### SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 4, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for students age 12 or older offers a chance to help plan teen events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments served.

### SQUIRREL MANIA

Sept. 10, Wed. at 7pm Investigate squirrel intelligence, habits,



behavior, ecology, and identifying characteristics among species with Dan Popiela from Lake County Parks. Discover tips about limiting squirrel invasions of bird feeders.

#### NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Sept. 17, Wed. at 7pm Belinda Potoma of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Manon* by . She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Sept. 18, Thurs. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Object Lessons* by Anna Quindlen. This first novel is an insightful family chronicle, an informed commentary on the 1960s, and the coming-of-age depiction of a mother and daughter. As 13-year-old Maggie struggles with her identity within the boisterous Scanlan clan, her mother also finds her own place within the patriarchal family that has never accepted her.

#### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 25, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

#### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *A Simple Heart* by Gustave Flaubert, a selection from the *Fifth series of Great Books*.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.

322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Sept. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

#### STAMP CAMP

Sept. 16, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an expressive hour with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will create a few projects with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Please register.

#### VIRTUAL TOURISTS: WEST VIRGINIA

Sept. 17, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will take a look at the recreational offerings of New River Gorge, the regional crafts at Tamarack, and Cairo's annual Marble-fest in a one-hour travel video of West Virginia. Refreshments will be served.

#### TRASH TO TREASURE

Sept. 18, Thurs. at 6pm Before you throw out that piece of junk in your attic or basement, bring it to the library and appraiser Sabrina Turner will tell you whether it's trash or treasure. Participants are asked to bring only one item (or one set) for appraisal. The appraisal is free, but registration is required.

#### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Sept. 24, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs., Sept. 25 at 10:15am Percy Jackson discovers that he is the son of the god Poseidon, which explains a lot about Percy's unusual life. As he learns to be the son of an ancient Greek god, he must undertake a vital but dangerous quest. This is a 2008 *Books to Bridge the Region* selection - *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Teen readers are invited to join their parents or grandparents in reading and discussing this exciting contemporary journey through Greek mythology.

### St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

#### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 3, 13, 17, Wed. or Sat. at 1pm Explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic 'mousing' skills and a basic understanding of the computer desktop is needed to fully participate. Registration required.

#### STAMP CLASS

Sept. 8, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend a creative hour with Stampin'Up! consultant Melissa Sullivan, working on a few projects using rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of the class. Registration required.

#### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Sept. 9, Tues. at 10:15am Lawyer Andy Carpenter reluctantly decides to help his ex-girlfriend police officer in the defense of a possibly innocent young man. *Dead Center* by David Rosenfelt will be available for checkout at the circulation desk. Please register.

#### BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Sept. 16, Tues. at 1:30pm Look at the lives of the legendary Osmond family in this A & E video biography. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: CATALOG CARE

Sept. 20, Sat. at 1:30pm Participants receive an introduction to searching techniques. They will learn how to use their patron accounts and create lists of titles for personal use. Registration required.

### Board of Trustees @ your library

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## Save the Date!

**MADE IN AMERICA**  
**Arts and Crafts**



**HOLIDAY FAIR**

Featuring handmade arts and crafts for sale  
by regional exhibitors

**Saturday, December 6, 2008**  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Lake County Public Library**  
1919 W. 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. (US 30), Merrillville

Interested vendors should contact the  
Central Library at (219) 769-3541, ext. 335  
or e-mail [webmastr@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:webmastr@lakeco.lib.in.us).





# Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming SEPTEMBER 2008



## Pre-School Story Hour

Pre-school Story Hours will be presented at all branches of the Lake County Public library from the week of September 20 until the week of October 27.

This six-week series of programs is for children ages 3-5 who have not started Kindergarten. Children should be able to sit with a group and listen to the storyteller without a caregiver. Various picture books, rhymes, activities, videos, and crafts will be presented.

Call your local branch for day and times and to register for the series. Classes will meet the same day and time each week for six weeks.

The child or caregiver must have a Lake County Public Library card to attend.

## Where's yours?



All the  
**COOL KIDS** have one.

(Don't have one? It's easy to get.)

September is *library card sign-up month*. Children can get their first library card or show their current card to receive a small prize and be entered into a drawing. To apply for a card, a parent must show proof of address in the Lake County Public Library district such as a current driver's license. Each branch will celebrate with some special programs, but will continually award prizes throughout the month.

September is here-don't miss out on all the fun.

**Get your card today!**

## Central Library

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

## COOL KIDS READ TO DOGS

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will have a blast reading their favorite stories to Ollie, a lovable Shih-Tzu and featured columnist for the *Post-Tribune*. Register for this fun event promoting child literacy during *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month at ext. 360.

## COOL KIDS READ THE SISTERS GRIMM

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will join the adventures of Sabrina and Daphne Grimm by listening to excerpts from the fantastic *Sisters Grimm* series. Program participants will create a Grimm craft and enjoy a Grimm snack. Please register at ext. 360.

## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

## Black Oak Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

## MONKEY AROUND

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will "monkey around" with a craft, story, and a little "Monkey Pie" to celebrate *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month. Please register.

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 through Oct. 28, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this six-week story hour with a different theme each week. Please register.



**Forty-First Avenue Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)  
3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

### **HEY MACARONI! FUN WITH 2's & 3's**

Sept. 2, Tues. at 4pm 2 and 3 year olds are invited to join us for games, songs, and a macaroni craft. Please register.

### **HEROES & HALFBLOODS**

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 4pm Enter the world of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, the exciting series about mythological gods and monsters. This program is for children 11 years of age and older. Please register.

### **COOL KIDS GAME NIGHT**

Sept. 17, Wed. at 4:30pm Youngsters, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up, will have a blast playing video games, board games, and group games to celebrate *Cool Kids Have A Library* month. Please register.

### **SATURDAY CLASSICS**

Sept. 20, Sat. at 1pm Families will enjoy a story and watch the Walt Disney animated classic feature film *Cinderella*. Please register.

### **NATURE CLUB**

Sept. 23, Tues. at 4pm Have fun and go green! School age children, kindergarten and up, will learn more about the environment and decorate reusable shopping bags. Please register.

### **PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Sept. 25 through Oct. 30, Thurs. at 4pm Children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this six week story hour with games and crafts. Please register.

### **Griffith Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)  
940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

### **APPLE PICKING TIME**

Sept. 10, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will learn about Johnny Appleseed and turn a bell into an apple zipper pull for a jacket.

### **COOL KIDS HAVE LIBRARY CARDS**

Sept. 16, Tues. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will hear a story about Superman, make a shield to protect against kryptonite, and take a test of strength.

### **MICROWAVE COOKING CLASS: AFTER SCHOOL SNACKS**

Sept. 18 through Oct. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will learn how to use the microwave to make Apple Betty, Conqueso Bean Dip, Carmel Corn, English Muffin Pizza, and Dead Man's Dip. There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of ingredients due at the time of class. Registration is required.

### **PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Sept. 19 through Oct. 28, Fridays at 10:30am or Tuesdays at 1pm Pre-school Story Hour is for children ages 3 to 5 and features books, games, and finger play. The free program runs for six weeks, and each weekly session runs an hour. The program begins on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> and each Friday session is repeated on the following Tuesday. Please register for either session by calling the library.

### **SATURDAY MORNING WITH RIP VAN WINKLE**

Sept. 20, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, will learn about Rip Van Winkle and his long nap, while making a tri-corner colonial hat.

### **SUPER TOT CRAFT**

Sept. 22, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will make a colorful leaf necklace and hear the story *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert.

### **HOME SCHOOL THURSDAY**

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 2pm After hearing a chapter from *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor, school age children will learn how the game *Battle-ship* all started and how to play it!



**Cedar Lake Branch**     [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)  
10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

### **SNACK & PLAN**

Sept. 8, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants earn volunteer hours.

### **TODDLER TIME**

Sept. 11 & 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts and more.

### **COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD – ALIEN INVASION**

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories, games, and a craft. Are there aliens among us? Show us your library card to receive a prize!

### **CRAFTING MANIA**

Sept. 15 & 16, Mon. & Tues. from 3pm to 5pm Teens will make tie-dye t-shirts and/or duct tape creations. Please bring a t-shirt. All other materials and refreshments will be supplied.

### **BOOKS & BABIES**

Sept. 16, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, up to age 24 months accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of playgroup, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities, and rhymes.

### **PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Sept. 23 through Oct. 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in a six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Registration is required.

### **GAME PLAY**

Sept. 23, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, will play a wide variety of PlayStation and Wii games. Those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun.

### **COOL KIDS COMMUNITY FUN**

Sept. 24, Wed. from 3:30pm to 5:30pm The Lion's Club PATH (Parents As Teachers, Hanover) and the library will offer vision and hearing screenings to pre-school age children (3 to 5 year olds), crafts, and more! Show your library card and win a prize.

### **CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD**

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories, games, and a craft as we travel the world each month. This month we'll visit Brazil and experience their holidays.

### **PAJAMARAMA FAMILY STORY TIME FUN**

Sept. 29, Mon. at 3:30pm Children will celebrate *Cool Kids Have a Library Card* month in their pj's while participating in activities all about books, bedtime, and library fun. Families will participate in library games, and kids who show their library card (or who apply for their first one) will win a prize!

**Highland Branch**     [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)  
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

### **PRE-SCHOOL KIDS ARE COOL KIDS**

Sept. 3, Wed. at 10:30am & 1pm Cool pre-schoolers, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate national *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* sign-up month with cool books, cool songs, and a cool craft. Show us your library card and get a prize!

### **TODDLERS ALL ABOARD**

Sept. 8, Mon. at 10:30am Two year old toddlers, accompanied by a care giver, will enjoy train stories, active songs, and related activities. Please register.

### **COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD**

Sept. 9, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will celebrate national *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* sign-up month by making a "bookish" craft and enjoying refreshments. Show us your library card anytime this month and you'll receive a prize! Don't have a library card? Sign-up this month and receive a special prize.

### **TEEN OPEN GAMING**

Sept. 13, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.



**Highland Branch...continued****BEGINNING YOGA CLASS**

Sept. 16, Tues. at 7pm Ramachandren Govindarajula, a certified Yoga instructor from India, is offering a free beginning Yoga class for teens and adults. Registration is required. Please bring a Yoga mat to the class.

**UBUNTU INFORMATION – PART 1**

Sept. 20, Sat. at 1pm If your computer is taking too long to boot, or software is too expensive, you might be interested in learning more about Ubuntu. Ubuntu is a free operating system that has been proven to be safer than Windows. Teens are invited to come in to learn more. Please register.

**TODDLER FARM FRIENDS**

Sept. 22, Mon. at 10:30am Farm animals will be featured in this lap-sit story time for two-year olds accompanied by their care givers. Please register.

**FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Sept. 23 through Oct. 29, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children will enjoy six consecutive weeks of stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, and related activities. Sign-up just once for the entire six-week series.

**PRE-SCHOOLERS DOWN ON THE FARM**

Sept. 23, Tues. at 10:30am or Sept. 24, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Cows and pigs and ducks, oh my! Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, songs, and a farm-related craft. Yee-ha!

**FAMILY STORY HOUR**

Sept. 23 through Oct. 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy six consecutive weeks of stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Themes include : Down on the Farm, On Top of Spaghetti, Put a Sock In It, Dragons, Shark's Teeth, and Scarecrows. Sign up one for the entire six-week series.

**UBUNTU INFORMATION –PART II**

Sept. 27, Sat. at 1pm Ubuntu is a free operating system that has been proven to be safer than Windows. Teens are invited to bring a CD-R to burn a copy of Ubuntu and find out how to use it. Register to learn more.

**PRE-SCHOOLERS ON TOP OF SPAGHETTI**

Sept. 30, Tues. at 10:30am or Oct. 1, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about spaghetti, sing songs, and make real pasta! Please register.

**HOBART TOWNSHIP**

**Hobart Branch**      [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)  
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

**COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD**

September is *Cool Kids Have a Library Card* month! Children who come into the library and show their library card will receive a sticker on their card and a prize.

**LET'S COLOR CLIFFORD**

For the entire month of September pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will have the chance to color *Clifford, the Big Red Dog!* Parents can pick up the color sheets at the circulation desk. When returned, each child will receive a prize.

**COOL KIDS DRAW COMIC STRIPS**

Sept. 1-30 Since September 25<sup>th</sup> is *National Comic Book Day*, the Hobart Branch Library is extending a challenge to all the *Cool Kids*. Bust out your favorite pens, pencils, or computer programs and create a comic strip that relates to the library or reading. Participants will have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to present their entries. Group levels will be kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades, and 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Contest Rules & Regulations: all entries must be rated G for general audiences; comic strip contents must relate to the library or reading; no offensive language or pictures; no violence; all entries will be reviewed by library staff before display for the public. Each entry will be included in a gift card prize drawing.

**COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD SPECIAL STORY HOUR**

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 6:30pm Children of all ages, along with their families, are invited to join us for a special story hour. Children will hear stories, as well as learn about other good stories, and make a craft. All children with a library card, or who sign up for a library card, will receive a prize.



## Lake Station-New Chicago Branch...continued

### TIME TO MAKE THE DONUTS!

Sept. 17, Wed. at 6pm The entire family is invited to make homemade donuts at the library. Please register.

### Wii ARE COOL KIDS

Sept. 20, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm Take a break from homework to play Wii games at the library or play Guitar Hero games on our PS2s. You can even bring your own PS2 or Wii games to share, but they must be rated E for everyone or T for teen. Refreshments will be provided.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 through Oct. 29, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories, participate in songs and finger plays, and make crafts. Please register.

### NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 4:15pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will hear Native American stories and make a Native American craft. Please register.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

### COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD

Sept. 10, Wed. at 6pm School age children, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and higher, will create a unique bookmark to celebrate having a library card. Please register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 through Oct. 29, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to take part in Pre-school Story Hour. This is a six-week program which includes stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Please register.

### TIP TOP TWO's

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

### Wii ARE COOL KIDS

Sept. 25, Thurs. from 3pm to 5pm Take a break from homework to play Wii games at the library or play Guitar Hero games on our PS2s.

Munster Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Sept. 3 & 17, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. This program begins promptly at 10:30am, but open playtime is available beginning at 10am. It's never too early to start reading to your baby. Due to building renovations, please call to confirm date and time.

### SNACK & PLAN

Sept. 4, Thurs. at 4:30pm Our monthly Young Adult meeting for students age 12 or older offers a chance to help plan teen events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments served.

### STREGA NONA

Sept. 10, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten or older, may join in the fun as we discuss Tomie de Paola's much loved character *Strega Nona*. Activities and a craft are included.

### READING BUDDIES

Sept. 12 & 26, Fri. at 10am In cooperation with the Alliance Adult Day Center, this off-site (1101 Park Drive, Munster) story time provides a chance for kids to interact with grandparents in the community. Sessions are held the second and fourth Fridays of each month and include stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is geared toward 3 to 5 year olds, but children of all ages may attend.

### TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Sept. 15 & 29, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are *Jungle Fun* and *Autumn*. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities. Due to building renovations, please call to confirm date and time.



**Munster Branch...continued****FANTASTIC 4's & 5's**

Sept. 16 & 23, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with themes this month *Jungle Fun* and *Autumn*. All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

**COOL KIDS ARE LIBRARY KIDS**

Sept. 16, Tues. at 4pm September is national *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month, so we are celebrating the power of reading. Kids age 6 and older are invited to a story hour filled with great books, crazy activities, and an awesome craft.

**LEAP INTO FALL**

Sept. 24, Wed. at 4pm What is happening to the trees? Why do the clocks go back an hour? What is Autumn? All of these questions and more will be discussed with school age children, kindergarten and older, as we look into the fall season. Activities and a craft are included.

**ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP**

**Dyer-Schererville Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)  
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

**BALLOONS FOR COOL KIDS**

Sept. 4, Thurs. at 6:30pm To celebrate *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month, children of all ages will be entertained by Mark Small, a balloon artist with a engaging "twist." Please register.

**CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD**

Sept. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will "travel" to a different country each month as they sample food, hear ethnic music, and play various games and create unique crafts. Please register.

**YOUNG READERS**

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 11 and up, will discuss and review books which they have read. Then its time to enjoy a craft and munch on some refreshments. Please register.

**CHESS KNIGHT**

Sept. 22, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced can participate in a game of chess to learn new strategies and improve their skills. Bring a friend and join the group. Please register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Sept. 23 through Oct. 29, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am This is a six-week session filled with stories, songs, games, crafts, and films for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds. Please register.

**BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK DISCUSSION**

Sept. 24, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Percy Jackson discovers that he is the son of the god Poseidon, which explains a lot about Percy's unusual life. As he learns to be the son of an ancient Greek god, he must undertake a vital but dangerous quest. This is a 2008 *Books to Bridge the Region* selection - *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. Middle school and teen readers are invited to join their parents or grandparents in reading and discussing this exciting contemporary journey through Greek mythology.

**St. John Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)  
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

**COOL KIDS MEET BECKY**

Sept. 3, Wed. at 6:30pm As a special guest for *Cool Kids Have A Library Card* month, Becky Sherman from the Douglas Center: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, will entertain school age children, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and older, with fascinating facts about the nature of possums. Participants will make a craft. Registration required.

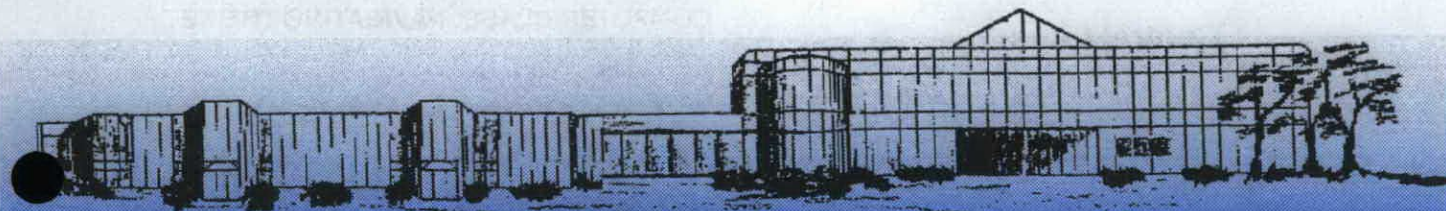
**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Sept. 23, 24, 30, Oct. 1, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and crafts during this six-week series starting in September. Please register for either the Tuesday or Wednesday sessions.

**STAMP CLASS**

Sept. 27, Sat. at 1pm School age children, 8 and older, will create three projects with a representative from Stampin'Up! There is a \$3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials due at the time of class. Registration is required.





# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## OCTOBER 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us  
editor Jennifer Burnison

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## Central Library

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### BOOKreMARKS

Oct. 1 to 31 The discovery of a World War II German submarine off the coast of New Jersey leads to this gripping chronicle of mystery, danger, death, and adventure. *Shadow Divers: The True Adventure of Two Americans Who Risked Everything to Solve One of The Last Mysteries of World War II* by Robert Kurson is the 2008 adult selection for *Books to Bridge the Region*. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 1, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am Spring Mill will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 1, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Oct. 1 through Oct. 22, Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm English as a Second Language (ESL) classes continue this Fall with four levels: Non-English Speaking, Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced. Individuals will be assessed to determine their level. Classes are free and no registration is required. Please bring a pencil and paper. Call ext. 309 for further details.

### ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE

Oct. 2, Thurs. from 4pm to 7pm, Oct. 3 from 1pm to 4pm, Oct. 4, Sat. from 9:30am to 4pm The *Friends of the Library* are hosting the *Annual Fall Book Sale* offering more than 10,000 adult and children's books, DVDs, Videos, CDs, audio-cassettes, vinyl records, magazines, puzzles, and rare books. The 'Preview' sale on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> is for members of Friends (membership can be obtained at the door for \$5), with the doors open to all on Oct. 3 and 4. Call ext. 317 for further details.

### LEARN TO CROCHET

Oct. 7, Tues. at 4pm Learn to crochet or improve your skills in this class for both the novice and those who have some experience. You'll learn how to read, understand, and follow written patterns. Be sure to bring a crochet hook and some yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

### READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 8, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie. Banished to a remote mountain village for "re-education" during Chairman Mao's Cultural Revolution, two young men survive the ordeal through their friendship, ingenuity, and the sheer delight they find in good books. A fascinating glimpse of a world unknown to most of us, laced with humor, love, and adventure. Please register at ext. 340.

### REPAIRING & DATING OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

Oct. 11, Sat. from 10:30am to 2:30pm (2 sessions with optional box lunch) Speaker, Eric Basir, owner of Photo Grafix, a retouching studio in Evanston, IL has served genealogists throughout the United States with high-quality digital restoration. You may bring an old photo that may be used as part of Eric's demonstration. This event is being co-sponsored with the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society. To register please call 769-3541, ext. 334. To order a box lunch please visit <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~innwigs/>.

### BOOKS WITH BITE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Oct. 12 to 18 Stop by the Central Library during *Teen Read Week* to indulge your biting curiosity and check out books and graphic novels on animals, technology, adventure, and even vampires! And just for fun, teens are invited to watch a movie (with refreshments) and participate in a prize drawing on October 16 at 6pm. Please register at ext. 334.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

Oct. 14, Tues. at 1pm Everyone is invited to the bi-monthly meetings of the *Friends of the Library* Board meeting to learn what the group is all about. For more details call ext. 317.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Oct. 14 & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm This discussion group continues the 2008 series with the topic: *US-China Trade*. Our briefing books are all purchased. If you wish to attend a meeting as a guest, please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Oct. 15, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### PARANORMAL SCIENCES

Oct. 16, Thurs. at 7pm Wanting to find something to chill your bones this Halloween? Cher Wright, Northwest Indiana Representative of the *American Ghost Society*, will talk about her experiences and what to look for when doing a paranormal investigation, such as using videos, pictures, and EVP (electronic voice phenomena). Her past has taken her to many "haunted" sites from the Mississippi River to the east coast and as far south as Tennessee and North Carolina. Don't miss this chance to learn and hear some hair-raising stories. Please register at ext. 317.

### CASH FOR COLLEGE

Oct. 18, Sat. from 10am to Noon This cost estimator financial aid meeting is the first of two programs co-sponsored by the Lake County Public Library and the Legacy Foundation and presented by the National Center for College Costs. Parents and students are invited to attend. Learn to maximize your financial aid and optimize your college admission strategies. Free handouts will be distributed



## Ask a Librarian

**Q:** Wasn't there a big fire in Wisconsin on the same day as the Chicago fire?

**A:** Yes, on October 8, 1871, the town of Peshtigo, Wisconsin burned. At least 800 people lost their lives, considerably more than were killed in Chicago (around 200). For more information, go to [www.peshtigofire.info](http://www.peshtigofire.info).

to help students and parents navigate the financial aid maze. This will be followed up with a turn-around session on December 13<sup>th</sup> when results will be discussed. Please register at ext. 334.

### GARDENING

Oct. 21, Tues. at 7pm Advanced Master Gardner, Larry Anderson, will be here to do a presentation on "Composting, Soil Amending, and Gardening Tips." This program is part of an ongoing monthly series of gardening events. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

Oct. 22, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Students who attend any of the first three classes in this series are encouraged to attend this fourth session where they can practice what they have learned. An instructor will be available to answer questions and provide individual assistance. Call ext. 346 to register.

### HITLER'S LOST SUB

Oct. 22, Wed. at 6:30pm A team of divers discovered a sunken German U-boat off the coast of New Jersey fifty-years after World War II. This film presents the mystery, adventure, and consequences of that discovery, as well as the history of submarines. These events are also the subject of *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson – the *Books To Bridge The Region* adult selection. No registration required. For more details, call ext. 389.

### INTRODUCTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Oct. 29, Wed. from 10am to 11:30am Join this free informational and interactive session that focuses on understanding the disease process of progressive dementias. This monthly class should be taken prior to attendance at the advanced dementia class. Register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.

### ADVANCED ISSUES & STRATEGIES IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Oct. 29, Wed. from Noon to 1:30pm Executive Director of Arden Courts, Darren Leavitt, will speak on, "Is it Okay to Ask for Help?" He will discuss how dementia is a disease that goes beyond the lives of those suffering from it. Caregivers will learn how to manage these stressors and know when it is time to say, "I need help." The basic class should be taken prior to attending this session. Please register toll free at 1-888-303-0180.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

221 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about [Happenings@yourlibrary](mailto:Happenings@yourlibrary).

## Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 13, Mon. at 12:30pm Retiree Carole Seddon's peaceful life in the English seaside town of Feathering is turned upside down when she stumbles upon a corpse while walking her dog. She joins forces with her bohemian neighbor, Jude, to find a killer. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *The Body on the Beach* by Simon Brett.

### BOOK BUDDIES

Oct. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Taite Abbot has always been a free spirit. She has the tattoos and piercings to prove it. When her boyfriend, medical student Sam Wellington, leaves for a fellowship before she realizes she's pregnant, Taite is unwilling to interfere with his chance to become a doctor. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of Diane Noble's *The Last Storyteller*, which explores the very contemporary issue of medical ethics.

## Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

### BOOK CHAT

Oct. 15, Wed. at 7pm Celebrating the recent birth of eleven babies born to a local couple after fertility treatments, the citizens of Three Chimneys, VA, set out to recreate the making of an original Thomas Jefferson-era, 1,235 pound cheese. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *The Mammoth Cheese* by Sheri Holman.

### GRIFFITH GAB

Oct. 27, Mon. at 1pm John Chatterton and Richie Kohler had been deep wreck diving for years. They tested themselves against treacherous currents, braving depths that included hallucinatory effects, navigating through wreckage as perilous as a minefield, and brushing against death more than once in the rusting hulks of sunken ships. But in 1991, these courageous divers were not prepared for what they found 230 feet below the surface...a World War II German U-boat just 60 miles off the coast of New Jersey. Join us as we discuss the mysterious discovery they made...one which experts, government officials, and historians said could not possibly exist! *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson is the adult selection for the Northwest Indiana *Books to Bridge the Region* reading campaign and will be available for check-out at the circulation desk.



## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### OUR HEROES' TREE

*Our Heroes' Tree* is a national initiative to recognize service members from past and present wars, conflicts, and peacetime operations. Groups or individuals may make handmade ornaments honoring them and place them on a tree in the library. Stories about individual service members can also be submitted and will be displayed in a binder near the tree. Ornaments may be brought into the library or created here. Many supplies will be provided. Stop in and create an ornament to honor our local heroes!

### GENEALOGY SEARCHING ON THE WEB

Oct. 1, Wed. at 2pm or 6:30pm Participants will discover the

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amount of information available on the Internet for tracing their ancestors, and will learn how to use the library's *Ancestry Library*, *Heritage Quest*, and *Pro-Quest Obituaries* databases. Every participant will have a computer and time to do some online research, so bring whatever information you have available. Registration required.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 2, Thurs. at 1pm Participants will learn basics of using the computer. They will practice using the mouse, filling in different forms, and typing. Registration required.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 2, Thurs. at 2pm This beginning level computer class will teach users about the keyboard, the Windows desktop, word processing, and finding help. Registration required.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 6, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm and Oct. 16, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Registration is required.

#### SCRAP BOOKING

Oct. 6, Mon. at 6:30pm This class is for beginning and experienced scrap bookers. Participants should bring the adhesive of choice and scissors. All other supplies will be provided by scrap book consultant, Danielle Benich. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Refreshments will be served.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: ONLINE CATALOG

Oct. 8, Wed. at 6:30pm Participants will learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. They will learn to use the online catalog with confidence from any computer with an internet connection. Registration required.

#### COMPUTER CLASS: E-MAIL BASICS

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 2pm or Oct. 13, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will learn the basics of using e-mail, including setting up a free e-mail account, sending and receiving mail, and using attachments. Registration is required.

#### SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 13, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

#### HISTORY VIDEO: HITLER'S LOST SUB

Oct. 14, Tues. at 2pm and Oct. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm *Hitler's Lost Sub* is a film that traces the discovery and history of the unidentified German U-boat that was found off the coast of New Jersey 50 years after World War II. It is the subject of the book *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson, which is 2008's *Books to Bridge the Region* adult selection. Refreshments will be served.

#### BOOKS & CHAT

Oct. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *Indigo Forest* by Jon Afanador. The author will join readers as we discuss his novel. In this introspective story, the protagonist enters an inter-zonal, contradictory world to do some amateur historical research. He finds his encounter with this isolated, yet compelling, landscape and its inhabitants both alluring and disquieting.

## Staff Recommends

### THE GREAT COURSES by The Teaching Company

Just because you didn't go to Harvard doesn't mean you cannot enjoy one of their professor's lectures...The Great Courses by the Teaching Company are available in a variety of formats (DVD, VHS, CD, audiocassette) and cover a wide variety of subjects; here are just a few of our many titles:

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*Science Wars: What Scientists know and how they know it* by Steven L. Goldman of Lehigh University

*Churchill* by J. Rufus Fears of the University of Oklahoma

To find these courses on the library catalog type TEACHING COMPANY in the author field.

### PIXAR Short Films Collection, Volume 1 (DVD 791.436 PIXA)

Fans of the animated movies *Toy Story*, *Cars*, and *The Incredibles* won't want to miss the PIXAR Short Films Collection, Volume 1. This DVD is a collection of the short films Pixar is known for showing just before their features-along with a few other shorts. The amazing artwork will make you forget these movies were all created with computers. Take it home today.

### IT'S ALWAYS FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY FESTIVAL

Oct. 18, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm In celebration of Teen Read Week, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival for all ages. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, pie throwing, pumpkin bowling, library golf, and a variety of other games and crafts are among the many activities.

### PUPPET THEATER EXTRAVANGAZA

Oct. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will enjoy a puppet show and will join in on some slightly spooky stories and activities. In addition, participants will make some fun things for the big night and all may come in costume!

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: GERMANY

Oct. 28, Tues. at 2pm Germany only became a country in 1871, yet no nation has had a greater impact on the face of Europe. Viewers will set out on a journey to look beyond the stereotypes and seek out the real Germany. Visit Berlin, the beaches of Sylt, Hamburg, Nuremberg, and the Bavarian Alps. Refreshments will be served.

### GAME PLAY

Oct. 29, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, play a wide variety of *PlayStation* & *Wii* games and those who may compete in tournaments for prizes. Refreshments for all. Join the fun!





## Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
-2394

Highland, IN 46322  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### HISTORY VIDEO

Oct. 6, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This film, shown on the big screen, examines the life of Doris Day, singer, actress, and television host. Refreshments served. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 8, Wed. from 10am-noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

### CROSSROADS

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank, in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library, hosts a free monthly program for seniors. Refreshments will be served. Please call 972-7317 for more details and to register.

### TEEN OPEN GAMING

Oct. 11, Sat. at 2pm Youngsters who have finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.

### TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 14, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson, the true story of two men who discovered Hitler's sub off the coast of New Jersey. This true story is this year's *Books to Bridge the Region* discussion book. Copies of the books will be available at the Circulation Desk. Please register.

### INSPIRATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 16, Thurs. at 2pm Readers will discuss Neta Jackson's story, *The Yada Yada Prayer Group*. This novel tells the story of a diverse group of women who face life's challenges through prayer. Books will be available for check out at the Circulation Desk. Please register.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Oct. 20, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we discover Washington's volcanoes, Mount Rainier, and Mount St. Helens. We will visit the coast, Tacoma, and Olympic Park. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss Michale Koryta's first mystery *Tonight I Said Goodbye*. Featuring private investigator Lincoln Perry and his partner Joe Pritchard, these detectives are hired to find the murderer of Wayne Weston. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Oct. 27, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *The Wind and the Lion* is based on a historical incident and stars Sean Connery as a Moroccan sheik who kidnaps Candace Bergen, an American citizen, for ransom.

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## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.

942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 14, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### WANTED: TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 15, Wed. at 11:30am Hobart Library is looking for teens to help plan the Twilight Prom in October and the Fall Fest coming in November. Following this first meeting will be the movie screening of *Speed Racer* at noon. Refreshments will be served and participants will earn volunteer hours.

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## Highlighting the Life and Times of:

### JAMES HERRIOT

James Herriot was born James Alfred Wight in Sunderland, England, on October 3, 1916, but his family moved to Glasgow, Scotland, shortly thereafter. He graduated from Glasgow Veterinary College in 1939 at the age of 23, and the following year he joined the Yorkshire practice of J. Donald Sinclair located in Thirsk, not far from the Dales of Yorkshire. Except for the years he spent in the Royal Air Force during World War II, he remained there for the rest of his life. In 1966 he began to write about his experiences as a country vet, and in 1970 *If Only They Could Talk* (entitled *All Creatures Great and Small* in the U.S.) was published. This was the first in the enormously popular and beloved series of books which made James Herriot one of the foremost best-selling authors in both the U.S. and Britain, and which were adapted into two films and a 1978 BBC TV series. Despite his success he continued practicing with his colleague Donald until his death in 1995. He received many awards, including the Order of the British Empire in 1979, but his greatest legacy is the concern for animals and the sheer enjoyment in reading about them his books have inspired. Many of his readers have chosen to become vets themselves!

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of James Herriot will be found on the Upper Level during the month of October.

*James Herriot: The Life of a Country Vet* by Graham Lord (B HER LORD)

*The Real James Herriot: A Memoir of My Father* by Jim Wight (B HER WIGH)

*Let Sleeping Vets Lie* by James Herriot (636.089 HERR)

*Vets Might Fly* by James Herriot (636.089 HERR)

*The Best of James Herriot: Favourite Memories of a Country Vet* by James Herriot (636.0890924 HERR)

*James Herriot's Yorkshire* by James Herriot (914.281 HERR)



**TWILIGHT PROM**

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 6pm Calling all Stephanie Meyer Fans – the Hobart Branch Library cordially invites you to the Twilight Prom. Come as your favorite character or just come as yourself. Enjoy trivia from all four books in the series, music, and refreshments.

**GAMING DAY! Wii WANT TO PLAY!**

Oct. 24, Fri. from Noon to 2pm Fall break has finally arrived for teens and pre-teens (11 to 17 year olds). Put that homework aside and spend time at the library playing *Guitar Hero* and *Wii* games. You may bring *Wii* or *PS2* games to share, but please be sure they are appropriate for all ages. Refreshments will be provided.

**Lake Station-New Chicago Branch**

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

**QUILTING BEE**

Oct. 10 & 24, Fri. from Noon to 4pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

**SHIPWRECK TALES OF THE GREAT LAKES**

Oct. 11, Sat. at 2pm This is a *Books to Bridge the Region* multimedia presentation featuring authors Chris Kohl and Joan Fosberg. Come listen to a collection of interesting and true tales of the Great Lakes – a little mystery, murder, and mayhem that only history can give you. Prize-winning underwater photographer, Chris Kohl, the author of *Shipwreck Tales of the Great Lakes* has been a diver for over 30 years and has explored shipwrecks in several oceans and all of the Great Lakes. His numerous television appearances include being on the History Channel, the Discover Channel, and Chicago's CBS-2. Joan Fosberg is the President of the Underwater Archaeological Society of Chicago and author of *Diver's Guide to the Kitchen*. Cris and Joan love to research and explore shipwrecks and are popular presenters at major scuba shows throughout North America. They have just released their newest book *Shipwrecks at Death's Door*. Please register.

**BOOK CHAT**

Oct. 21, Tues. at 2pm Nine year old Griff is determined to stay at her grandfather's home, no matter how her mother and grandfather feel about each other. She learns a lot about her feelings for them as she helps her grandfather and his friend, Mitch, set a dangerous bear free. Join this discussion of Mark Spragg's novel, *An Unfinished Life*.

**GAMING DAY! Wii WANT TO PLAY!**

Oct. 22, Wed. from 3 to 5pm Fall break has finally arrived for teens and pre-teens (11 to 17 year olds). Put that homework aside and spend time at the library playing *Guitar Hero* and *Wii* games. You may bring *Wii* or *PS2* games to share, but please be sure they are appropriate for all ages. Refreshments will be provided.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Oct. 28, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

**Munster Branch**

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46320

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

**NIGHT AT THE OPERA: THE PEARL FISHERS**

Oct. 1, Wed. at 7pm Joan Kregel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *The Pearl Fishers* by Georges Bizet. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB**

Oct. 2, Thurs. at 7pm or Oct. 23 at 1:30pm In *Shadow Divers*, Robert Kurson tells the riveting, true story of two weekend scuba divers who risk everything to solve a historical mystery – and make history for themselves. John Chatterton and Richie Kohler were not prepared for what they found at 230 feet in the frigid Atlantic waters off the coast of New Jersey: a World War II German U-boat that wasn't supposed to be there.

**EXPLORE: CEMETERIES!?**

Oct. 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm Go beyond the tombstones, monuments, and mausoleums to tour an assortment of graveyards from Key West to Alaska. Along the way you will discover that family mementos, funny epitaphs, annual celebrations and local traditions are only a small part of what people leave behind.

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

Oct. 23, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

**COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE**

Oct. 27, Mon. at 1:30pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills, including how to hold, move and click a mouse effectively. Please register.

**COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG**

Oct. 28, Tues. at 1:30pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register.

**COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET**

Oct. 29, Wed. at 1:30pm Participants will learn how to find information on the Internet through popular search engines, as well as how to navigate the library's own website. Please register.

**NIGHT AT THE OPERA: LULU**

Oct. 29, Wed. at 7pm Carol Winston of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Lulu* by Alban Berg. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera, accompanied by musical highlights.

**COMPUTER CLASS: E-Z E-MAIL**

Oct. 30, Thurs. at 1:30pm Get started using free, web-based e-mail. Find out how to establish an e-mail account. The class also cover sending, receiving, replying, and forwarding messages. Please register.



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## GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Oct. 30, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of - *Of Personal Identity* by David Hume, a selection from the *Fifth Series of Great Books*.



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.

Schererville, IN 46375

322-4731

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Oct. 6, Mon. at 1pm When the military seizes their Mexican village, Don Plutarco, his son, and grandson flee to the hills. To shield the guerilla movement's plans for a counter-attack, old Plutarco plays up his appearance as a harmless violin player. Weapons and music play a tenuous game of cat and mouse, resulting in painful betrayal. This film is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In Spanish with English subtitles. Runtime is 98 minutes. Refreshments served.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Oct. 7, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 8 or 11, Wed. or Sat. at 1pm Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Rudimentary use of Microsoft Word is discussed as time permits. Registration is required.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 13, Mon. at 10:30am, Oct. 16, Thurs. at 6pm, or Oct. 18, Sat. at 1pm Explore the library's homepage and learn about web addresses, links, search engines, and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Basic understanding of the computer desktop is needed to fully participate. Registration is required.

### VIRTUAL TOURISTS: MISSOURI

Oct. 15, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will explore various sights in Missouri, including the St. Louis Arch, Kansas City fountains, and the Harry S. Truman presidential library in a one hour travel video. Refreshments will be served.

### STAMP CAMP

Oct. 21, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. Please register.

### Wii GAMING FOR SENIORS

Oct. 22, Wed. at 2pm Impress your grandchildren with your gaming skills on *Wii*, the popular new electronic game. Adults 55 and older can participate in bowling or tennis at your library. Refreshments for participants and spectators will be served. Please register.

## TEEN GAMING

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 6pm Teens (11 to 17 years of age) will enjoy open play on *DDR* with *Guitar Hero* on *PlayStation* and *Wii*. A variety of board games will also be available. Please register.

## COMPUTER CLASS: CAT-A-LOG CARE

Oct. 25, Sat. at 1pm Make 'friends' with the library catalog! Participants receive an introduction to searching techniques. They will also learn how to use their patron accounts and create lists of titles for personal use. Registration is required.

## BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB

Oct. 29 or 30, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Readers will discuss *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield. Biographer Margaret Lea receives a request from one of Britain's most well-loved novelists, Vida Winter. Vida is gravely ill and wants to recount her life story before it is too late. She reluctantly shares the dark family secrets that she has long kept hidden, making Margaret question her real story.

## St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

### SIT & KNIT

Oct. 1, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, crochet, or stitching project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

### STAMP CAMP

Oct. 6, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided. Please register.

### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Oct. 14, Tues. at 10:15am Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, a retired veteran of the Navajo Tribal Police, is asked to take one last case, the one that still haunts him in *Shape Shifter* by Tony Hillerman.

### BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Oct. 21, Tues. at 1:30pm Vincent Price's voice still send shivers down spines. Watch an *A & E* video *Biography* about this versatile actor who became best known for his horror film roles. Refreshments served. Please register.

### THE LOST U-BOAT

Oct. 27, Mon. at 1:30pm In *Shadow Divers*, this year's *Books to Bridge the Region* selection for adults, divers John Chatterton and Richie Kohler discover a sunken German U-boat off the coast of New Jersey that is not supposed to be there. Viewers will watch a *NOVA* documentary that captured the divers in action and explains the successes and failures of the German WWII submarine campaign. Light refreshments will be served.

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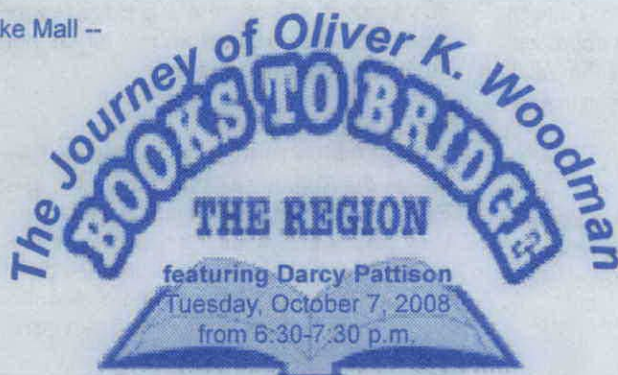


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Westfield Southlake Mall --



Come bring your family to this **Books to Bridge the Region** signature event. Author, Darcy Pattison will read *The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman* and show a slide presentation of the books illustrations. In this story, Tameka invites her Uncle Ray, who lives in South Carolina, to visit her in California. Unable to get way, he builds a life-sized wooden man named Oliver to send in his place. Travelers take Oliver to Tameka and send her postcards of Oliver's travels.

An Oliver K. Woodman doll will also be attending this fun program. Oliver likes to carry mail in his backpack during his travels around Northwest Indiana and children may bring their own handwritten letters or postcards telling about their school or community. Further information about this event is available through the Books to Bridge the Region website: [www.books2bridge.org](http://www.books2bridge.org)

#### Time Out for Reading

Friday,  
October 3, 2008  
at 10:00 a.m.

Join thousands of people  
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# Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming OCTOBER 2008



Central Library

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

## THE JOURNEY OF OLIVER K. WOODMAN PAPER DOLL EVENT

October: Come visit the library and pick up a pattern for a "build your own" Oliver K. Woodman paper doll. Take the pattern home and cut out the pieces and glue them together. Decorate Oliver and bring him back to the library. Write your name and the town where you live on the back of your paper doll. Oliver K. Woodman will be on display in the library during the entire month as part of the children's book selection titled *The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman* by Darci Pattison for the *Books to Bridge the Region* project.

## WRITE A POSTCARD OR LETTER TO OLIVER K. WOODMAN

October: Oliver K. Woodman likes to carry mail in his backpack while he is traveling around Northwest Indiana. Write a handwritten letter or postcard to Oliver and tell him about your school or town. Bring your letter to the library to put into Oliver's backpack.

## CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS!

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will listen to tales about the far-out, heroic adventures of *Captain Underpants*, play games, and create a craft. Please register at ext. 360.

## BOOKS WITH BITE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Oct. 12 to 18 Stop by the Central Library during *Teen Read Week* to indulge your biting curiosity and check out books and graphic novels on animals, technology, adventure, and even vampires! And just for fun, teens are invited to watch a movie (with refreshments) and participate in a prize drawing on October 16 at 6pm. Please register at ext. 334.

## A NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will scare themselves silly hearing funny monster stories and make a funny mask. Children are encouraged to wear a costume. Please register at ext. 360.

## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this continuation of the six-week story hour with a different theme each week. Please register.

### FRIGHTFUL FRIEND

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will start their holiday decorating by making a wind sock in this eerie program. Please register.

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, Thurs. at 4pm Children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy this weekly story hour with games and crafts. Please register.



**Forty-First Branch...continued****FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

Oct. 7, Tues. at 4pm Take a trip down the yellow brick road and enjoy games, a craft, and reading from the classic L. Frank Baum's tale, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Please register.

**SATURDAY CLASSICS**

Oct. 18, Sat. at 1pm Families will enjoy a story and watch the Walt Disney animated classic *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. Please register.

**FRIGHT FEST AT 41<sup>ST</sup>**

Oct. 29, Wed. at 5:30pm Have a frightfully good time at our Halloween Celebration. We'll have scary stories, ghoulish games, spooky snacks, and a Halloween costume contest. Please register.

**Griffith Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

**JOURNEY OF OLIVER K WOODMAN**

Oct. 1, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will enjoy the film and construct their own Oliver in addition to playing related games. Please register.

**MICROWAVE COOKING CLASS CONTINUES**

Oct. 2, 9, 16, Thurs. at 4pm Next on the snack menu of this weekly cooking class are caramel corn, pizza rounds, and dead man's dip. School age children, kindergarten and up, may still join in the group. There is a \$6 fee to cover the cost of ingredients and must be remitted at the time you register.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES**

Oct. 3 through Oct. 28, Fridays at 10:30am or Tuesdays at 1pm Pre-school Story Hour is for children ages 3 to 5 and features books, games, and finger play. This free program runs four more weeks, and each weekly session runs an hour. The Friday session is repeated on the following Tuesday. Please register for either session by calling the library.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Oct. 6, 13, 20, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by an adult caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit program for the very young featuring rhymes and music from Mother Goose. Please register.

**YA HALLOWEEN CRAFT**

Oct. 14, Tues. at 6:30pm Young adults, 11 to 16 year olds, will make a seasonal candy dish, either a pumpkin or a black cat, from margarine tubs and plaster of Paris. Please register.

**SATURDAY MORNING WITH JACK & ANNIE**

Oct. 18, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten and up, will make Merlin's diamond ring after hearing an exciting chapter from *The Haunted Castle on All Hallows Eve* by Mary Pope Osborne. Please register.

**GUITAR HERO & DANCE REVOLUTION**

Oct. 21, Tues. at 2:30pm School age kids, kindergarten through high school, can celebrate fall break with music and dance. The library will set up both *Guitar Hero* and *Dance, Dance Revolution* for an afternoon of fun.

**THE LIGHTENING THIEF**

Oct. 22, Wed. at 1pm Teen age fans, 11 years of age and older, of fantasy will enjoy a lively discussion of the book *The Lightning Thief* as part of the *Books to Bridge the Region* program. Please register.

**GHOST WRITER**

Oct. 22, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will take a Bic pen and turn it into a magic finger for note writing. Please register.

**HOME SCHOOL THURSDAY**

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 2pm School age home schooled children, kindergarten and up, will examine the 1938 *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast with the book *Aliens are Coming* and make an alien and flying saucer.

**SUPER TOT HALLOWEEN**

Oct. 27, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age accompanied by an adult caregiver, will have fun making creepy spiders and "trick or treating" in the library. Participants are asked to bring 20 treats to the program. Children may wear costumes. Please register.



## VOTE

Oct. 28, Tues. at 3:30pm Who will win the presidential election? School age children, kindergarten and up, will get to cast a vote, make a red-white-blue pin, and learn what it takes to be President of the United States. Please register.

**Cedar Lake Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)  
10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

## JOURNEYS & QUESTS

Oct. 2, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories and a craft about adventures and journeys. We will read *The Journey of Oliver K. Woodman*, the children's selection for *Books to Bridge the Region*.

## SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 6, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will participate in the continuation of our six-week session of stories, songs, and simple crafts. Registration is required.

## TODDLER TIME

Oct. 9 & 23, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, finger plays, music activities, crafts, and more!

## CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories, games, and a craft while traveling the world each month. In October we'll visit Canada and experience Oktoberfest in addition to other holidays.

## IT'S ALWAYS FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY FESTIVAL

Oct. 18, Sat. from 1pm to 3pm In celebration of *Teen Read Week*, members of the library's Teen Advisory Board will host a library festival for all ages. Face painting, cake walks, karaoke, pie throwing, pumpkin bowling, library golf, and a variety of other games and activities are among the many activities.

## SPOOKY TALES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Oct. 20, Mon. from 6:30pm to 8pm Hear urban legends, ghost stories, and other scary tales. Members of the Northwest Indiana Storytellers will delight and scare children of all ages (though children 5 and younger must be accompanied by an adult) with their variety of stories for Halloween fare. The Storytellers will begin with slightly spooky, but mostly amusing tales and end with stories guaranteed to scare!

## GHOSTLY GALA

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories, games, and crafts to celebrate Halloween. Feel free to wear a costume!

## PUPPET THEATER EXTRAVAGANZA

Oct. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm Children of all ages will enjoy a puppet show with an opportunity to participate in some slightly spooky stories and activities. Come in costume and make some fun things as you prepare for the "big night."

## GAME PLAY

Oct. 29, Wed. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will play a wide variety of *PlayStation & Wii* games and those who wish may compete in tournaments for prizes. Refreshments for all. Join the fun!

**Highland Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)  
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

## FALL PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 1 through Oct. 29, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-School Story Hour will continue with stories, songs, finger plays, crafts, and related activities. Sign-up just once for the entire series.

## PUT A SOCK IN IT

Oct. 7 or 8, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about feet and socks, sing songs, and make a craft. Please register.



**Highland Branch...continued****FAMILY STORY HOUR**

Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28, Tues. at 6:30pm Families with pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy four consecutive weeks of stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts during this evening lap-sit story time. Themes are: Put a Sock in It, Dragons; Shark's Teeth; and Scarecrows. Sign up once for the entire four-week session.

**HURRAH FOR PIZZA**

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will celebrate *National Pizza Month* by making mini pizzas, playing games, and listening to a book. Registration is required.

**TEEN OPEN GAMING**

Oct. 11, Sat. at 2pm Youngsters who have finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.

**TODDLERS VROOM!**

Oct. 13, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, age 2, accompanied by a caregiver will hear stories about "things that go." Please register.

**DRAGONS**

Oct. 14 or 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about dragons, sing songs, and make a craft. Please register.

**SHARK'S TEETH**

Oct. 21 or 22, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about sharks and other creatures of the deep, sing songs, and make a craft. Please register.

**TODDLERS – WHAT A MESS!**

Oct. 27, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds accompanied by an adult caregiver will enjoy stories with "messy" themes, songs, and related activities in this half-hour lap-sit story time. Please register.

**SCARECROWS**

Oct. 28 or 29, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories about scarecrows and pumpkins, sing songs, and make a craft. Please register.

**HOBART TOWNSHIP**

**Hobart Branch**      [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)  
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Oct. 7 or 8, 14 or 15, 21 or 22, 28 or 29, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear stories, participate in songs, finger plays, and make fun fall crafts. Please register.

**TODDLER STORY TIME**

Oct. 9 & 30, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 24 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear stories, participate in songs, finger plays, and construct a simple craft in this half-hour program. Please register.

**HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING**

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 4:15pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, are invited to paint Halloween pumpkins. Paints, brushes, and other decorative materials will be provided, but children will need to bring their own pumpkin.

**THE LIGHTNING THIEF**

Oct. 11, Sat. at 1pm Kids 9 to 14 years of age are invited to participate in a mini-book discussion and readers theater program about Rick Riordan's book *The Lightning Thief*. Percy Jackson thinks he is just an average 12 year-old going to school. That is until he learns his real father is Poseidon, Greek God of the Sea. Percy becomes involved in a cross country adventure filled with humor and Greek mythology. Books will be available for check-out at the circulation desk. Participants must read the book in order to join the readers theater. Registration is required.

**WANTED: TEEN VOLUNTEERS**

Oct. 15, Wed. at 11:30am Hobart Library is looking for teens to help plan the Twilight Prom in October and the Fall Fest coming in November. Following this first meeting will be the movie screening of *Speed Racer* at noon. Refreshments will be served and participants will earn volunteer hours.



## HALF-DAY MOVIE DAY

Oct. 15, Wed. from Noon to 2:15pm It's a half-day of school, which means kids are out early today. What should we do? Come to the library to watch a new movie. *Speed Racer* (rated PG) is in town and ready to bring adventure your way. Popcorn and drinks will be served. Please register.

## ● TWILIGHT PROM

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 6pm Calling all Stephanie Meyer Fans – the Hobart Branch Library cordially invites you to the Twilight Prom. Come as your favorite character or just come as yourself. Enjoy trivia from all four books in the series, music, and refreshments.

## GAMING DAY! WII WANT TO PLAY!

Oct. 24, Fri. from Noon to 2pm Fall break has finally arrived for teens and pre-teens (11 to 17 year olds). Put that homework aside and spend time at the library playing *Guitar Hero* and *Wii* games. You may bring *Wii* or *PS2* games to share, but please be sure they are appropriate for all ages. Refreshments will be provided.

**Lake Station-New Chicago Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)  
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

## PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CONTINUES

Oct. 7 through Oct. 29, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to take part in Pre-school Story Hour. This is the final 4 weeks of the six-week program which includes stories, songs, finger plays, and crafts. Please register.

## HALLOWEEN

Oct. 15, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will create a Halloween craft that can be used to decorate at home. Please register.

## GAMING DAY! WII WANT TO PLAY!

Oct. 22, Wed. from 3 to 5pm Fall break has finally arrived for teens and pre-teens (11 to 17 year olds). Put that homework aside and spend time at the library playing *Guitar Hero* and *Wii* games. You may bring *Wii* or *PS2* games to share, but please be sure they are appropriate for all ages. Refreshments will be provided.

## ● TOP TWO's

Oct. 23, Thurs. Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

**Munster Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)  
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

## MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Oct. 1, 15, 29, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. This program begins promptly at 10:30am, but open playtime is available beginning at 10am. It's never too early to start reading to your baby. Due to building renovations, please call to confirm date and time.

## SNACK & PLAN

Oct. 2, Thurs. from 4:30pm to 5:30pm The monthly Young Adult meeting is for teens age 12 and older. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. If you can't attend this month's meeting, feel free to submit ideas and suggestions – just contact Brittany Spencer at the library with your ideas. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

## FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to story times with themes this month of "Bats," "Boats & Pirates," "Elephants & Mice," and "Halloween." All programs include stories, music, a craft, and other activities. Due to building renovations, please call to confirm date and time.

## VAMPIRES DON'T WEAR POLKA DOTS, OR DO THEY?

● Oct. 8, Wed. at 4pm The *Bailey School Kids* have some crazy teachers, as well as some crazy stories. School age children, kindergarten and older, are invited to join us for some fun and an exciting craft.

## TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Oct. 13 & 27, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute



**Munster Branch...continued**

story time. Themes this month are: "Boats & Pirates," and "Halloween." Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities. Due to building renovations, please call to confirm date and time.

**AHOY MATEY!**

Oct. 22, Wed. at 4pm Pirates are taking over the library with their stories, games, and crafts. School age children, kindergarten or older, are invited to join us for a swashbuckling good time!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

Oct. 30, Thurs. at 4pm Children of all ages are invited to a costumed story hour filled with festive stories, fun games, and spooky crafts.

<b>ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP</b>
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**Dyer-Schererville Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

**CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD**

Oct. 1, Wed. at 6:30pm Each month school age children, kindergarten and up, will "travel" to a different country. Join us in October as we visit Italy and make mini pizza's and pasta creations, in addition to listening to ethnic music, playing various games, and creating unique crafts. Please register.

**MAKE IT & TAKE IT**

Oct. 4, Sat. from 10am to Noon Schererville Garden Club Members will help school age children, kindergarten and up, decorate pumpkins for Halloween. All materials will be provided and participants can attend anytime during this program.

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

Oct. 7 through Oct. 29, Tuesdays at 1:30pm or 6:30pm or Wednesdays at 10:30am These sessions for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are filled with stories, songs, games, crafts, and films. Please register.

**YOUNG READERS**

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 11 and up, will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. They will discuss and review scary, horror, and mystery books which they have read. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for some library projects, which will also be discussed. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

**CHESS KNIGHT**

Oct. 27, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced are invited to play chess, develop new strategies, and improve their skills on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Bring a friend and join the group. Please register.

**St. John Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

**PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR**

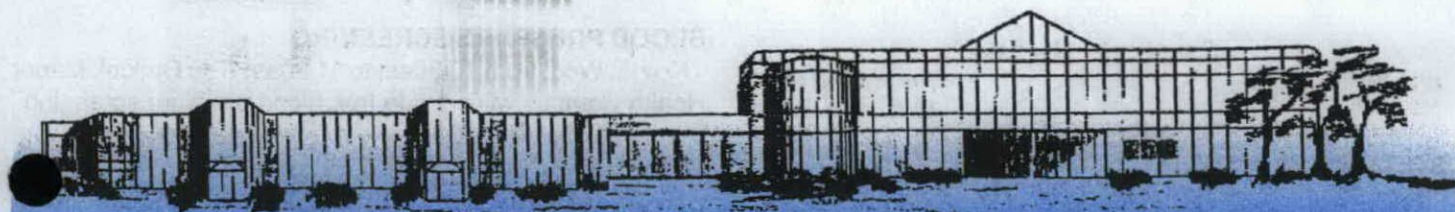
Oct. 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a variety of stories, musical activities, and crafts during this six week series starting in September. Please register for either the Tuesday or Wednesday sessions.

**STAMP CLASS**

Oct. 11, Sat. at 1pm Children ages 8 and older will enjoy creating projects using rubber stamps with Stampin' Up! representative Melissa Sullivan. There is a \$3 fee, due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.







# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## NOVEMBER 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us  
editor Jennifer Burnison

When you think, "Let's party," do libraries ever pop in your head? Well, maybe not, but they should. On nearly any given day and certainly at least once a month one of our branches, if not all of them, is celebrating an event. Of course, during the month of November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving with special displays of materials and probably some programs. The entire library system will also celebrate children's books and reading with

Then, as children and parents celebrate the end of another school year, the library begins celebrating the advantages of fun and summer reading. The library continues to keep kids involved by offering incentives for reading books and by holding many literacy "celebrations" with special programming. Teens and adults may also take part in the festivities to win prizes for reading.

In September the library celebrates Na-

## Celebrate @ the library

Special weeklong gala of activities for children's Book Week. And you surely attended at least one library program that celebrated fall or Halloween! Here at the Cedar Lake Branch the teens celebrated Teen Read Week with the community by hosting our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest. Each year the Teen Advisory Board works very hard preparing games, crafts, and other activities for this event that draws more than 200 members of the community to the library. And the entire library system celebrated reading along with the rest of Northwest Indiana for Books to Bridge the Region.

Even in the cold of winter the library celebrates—there are the special days like Martin Luther King Day and Valentine's Day. Many libraries also honor the cold and snow with special events. And at every library location, six-week sessions of preschool story hour begin in February and again in September. Studies show that reading aloud to children is significantly linked to helping them towards literacy. The library provides creative story times a variety of ages as it embraces and celebrates its own role in early literacy.

Next, springtime fun begins in April when the library celebrates National Library Week with fanfare and activities for all.

tional Library Card Sign Up Month, when special programs are offered and children get a prize for registering for a library card or showing the one they already have.

The library also celebrates its own milestones. Next year will begin a yearlong birthday celebration as the Lake County Public Library System turns 50 years old! In the past three years the library has celebrated the openings of three new branches, including our own Cedar Lake Branch!

But many smaller celebrations are just as important. There's the proud mother who boasts that her son, who attended library storyhours from the time he was an infant, is now reading at a 6<sup>th</sup> grade level at the age of seven. There's the teen who remembers seeing puppet shows when she was younger and is amazed that she is now performing in them. There's the adult who created her own email account during a library class and later proudly noted that she was successfully communicating via email, something she never thought she would be able to do.

So celebrate! Visit the library!!

Linda Johnsen  
Cedar Lake Branch Manager

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Daylight Savings Time  
ends and  
Standard Time  
begins November 2!

Did you miss the  
**Friends**  
Annual Book Sale?

If so, be sure to  
mark you calendar  
for the  
**1/2 Off Sale**  
**Saturday**  
**November 29!**  
**9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



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### BOOKreMARKS ONLINE

November 1 to 30 *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women*, edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman, is a provocative collection of essays from a diverse group of people – prominent and unknown. Their memorable moments and personal credos will engage you. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### ANTIQUE WATCH & CLOCK INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Nov. 1, Sat. from 1pm to 4pm Bring your old clocks and watches for a free evaluation (not appraisal) by members of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, who will identify, date, and give you information about the condition and history of your valued treasure.


### YOGA CLASS

Nov. 3, Mon. at 7pm Have you been wanting to find a good way to relieve stress? Then make sure to reserve this day on the calendar for a fun and relaxing yoga class. M. G. Ramachandran will lead a yoga class and help relieve those stressors. He has studied yoga for 25 years and has participated in state, national, and international level yoga competitions. Don't forget to wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat. Please register at 317.

### SHIP - THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Nov. 5, Wed. from 10am to Noon SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) is an organization designed to help seniors and *Medicare* beneficiaries with information and problems regarding their coverage with Medicare. This session will contain an overview of *Medicare Part D*. As always you can evaluate your current insurance company with what is new for 2009. There will also be counselors on hand to talk to beneficiaries one on one. If you are new to *Medicare* or are just looking for more help with your prescriptions please stop by and see us. Light refreshments will be served. For more information please call Deb Uhl at 219-838-4873.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



[readers@lakeco.in.us](mailto:readers@lakeco.in.us)

**POLITICS AS USUAL?**

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 5, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Outlook Manor Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Nov. 5, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### GREAT DECISIONS

Nov. 11 & 25, Tues. at 6:30pm This discussion group continues with the last of the 2008 series topic: *Private Philanthropy*. Our Briefing books are all purchased. If you wish to attend a meeting as a guest, please register at 769-3541, ext. 339.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Nov. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 6:15pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War* by Nathaniel Philbrick. The Plymouth Colony, the Pilgrim Fathers, and the Wampanoag Indians, among whom they settled, are brought vividly to life in this beautifully written narrative. National Book Award-winner Philbrick has illuminated a chapter of American history veiled in the mists of a distant, mythical past. Please register at ext. 340.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Nov. 14, Fri. at 9:30am Please join us for a Holiday Soiree with entertainment, refreshments, and bingo. In co-sponsorship between Lake County Public Library and Centier Bank's Advantage Club, everyone is invited to this free program. Call Sharon St. Myers at 662-3333, ext. 350 for further details.

### LEARN TO KNIT

Nov. 17, Mon. at 1pm Learn to knit or improve your skills in this class for both the novice and those who have some experience. Be sure to bring a pair of knitting needles and some yarn. Please register at ext. 317.

### GARDENING: NATIVE PLANTS

Nov. 18, Tues. at 7pm Master Gardener Pat Rosenwinkel will be here to speak about "Native Plants and Why We Grow Them." This program is the last of the 2008 gardening series. Please register at ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Nov. 19, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.



## Ask a Librarian

**Q:** I remember going to the Y & W Drive-in as a kid. I'd really like to know its history. Where can I find this information?

**A:** The LakeNet community website ([www.lakenetnwi.net](http://www.lakenetnwi.net)) has a great deal of local history available through the library's home page ([www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)). Click on the link for LakeNet and then choose "History Corner". Then click on "history directory" and "do you remember" links. Scroll down the page after clicking on the "remember" link and you will see "Y & W Drive-in". That will take you to a link with a history of the drive-in.

### ½ OFF BOOK SALE

Nov. 29, Sat. from 9:30am to 4pm All books, videos, cd's, audio books, audio cassettes, magazines, encyclopedias, paperbacks, children's books, and puzzles are HALF-OFF in the Book Sale Room on this Saturday. So when you visit the library, stroll down the main level and you will be amazed at these incredible bargains. The Book Sale Room is also open every Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 5pm and on Saturdays from 9:30am to 4pm. For questions or more details call ext. 317.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings@your library.

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm Yorkshire Chief Inspector Alan Banks, helped by psychologist Jenny Fuller, uncovers startling secrets in the town of Eastvale, which is troubled by a Peeping Tom and mischievous teenagers on the verge of violence. Join us for an informal discussion of *Gallows View* by Peter Robinson, and dessert.

### BOOK BUDDIES

Nov. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm P.I. Spenser joins Lieutenant Quirk and Sergeant Belson in pursuing a serial killer of African-American women. Their investigation points to one of his friend Susan's patients. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *Crimson Joy* by Robert Parker. And...since the group will not be meeting in December, *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven* by Fannie Flagg is now available at the circulation desk for check-out in anticipation of the January 26<sup>th</sup> discussion.

## Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319

[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

### BOOK CHAT

Nov. 19, Wed. at 7pm An unlikely extended family is formed when a high school teacher helps a pregnant student make a home with two elderly bachelor ranchers. Join us for dessert and an informal discussion of *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf.

### GRIFFITH GAB

Nov. 24, Mon. at 1pm Joan and her husband of forty years, John, were just sitting down to dinner after visiting their comatose daughter, Quintana. While conversing, she looked up to find that John was not responding and was slumped over the table. In that instant her life changed. Join us as we discuss one woman's attempt to grieve, to cope, and to make sense out of the rest of her life in Joan Didion's *The Year of Magical Thinking*.



## Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

### SCRAP BOOKING

Nov. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm Beginning and experienced scrap bookers are invited to this class and should bring an adhesive and scissors. All other supplies will be provided by scrapbook consultant, Danielle Benich. Refreshments will be served. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due no later than Friday, Oct. 31.

### STEPPIN' OUT - BASIC DANCE

Nov. 10, Mon. at 7pm Participants will learn and practice basic steps for a variety of dances. Refreshments will be served. Join the fun.

### HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Nov. 11, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will hear veterans tell personal accounts of their experiences during World War II. Refreshments will be served.

### BOOKS AND CHAT

Nov. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. This classic story, set in a remote mythical village in Columbia, chronicles six generations of family struggling with the forces of society, politics, and history.

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### HOLIDAY MAGIC

Nov. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with stories, crafts, and a movie. They may make an ornament for the library tree, too!

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: GLACIER BAY-ALASKA'S WILD COAST

Nov. 25, Tues. at 2pm Nestled in the heart of southeast Alaska, Glacier Bay is a wild paradise of ocean and ice. This film chronicles the lives of brown bears, bald eagles, humpback whales, and other charismatic species. Nearly all life here is ultimately tied to the salmon, and the heroic migration of these fish provides the thread that weaves together the remarkable fabric of this story. Refreshments will be served.

### GAME FEST

Nov. 25, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will enjoy open play and may compete in a tournament. Play *DDR*, *Guitar Hero*, and other *PlayStation* games, as well as *Wii* games. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!



### Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### HISTORY VIDEO: TYRONE POWER

Nov. 3, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This film, shown on the library's big screen, examines the life of Tyrone Power, one of the last big heart-throbs. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### STAMP CAMP

Nov. 5, Wed. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up! representative, Melissa Sullivan-Krenkel, will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials. Please register.

### TEEN OPEN GAMING

Nov. 8, Sat. at 2pm For those in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, the library is offering gaming events. Come in and register to see what this is all about!

### GORDON WILDER TRAVELOGUE

Nov. 10, Mon. at 2pm and 6:30pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will share his slides of Southern Italy. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 11, Tues. at 2pm Join us as we discuss Paul Auster's novel depicting a grief-stricken professor who finds new purpose in life when he becomes obsessed with his research into the life of a silent film comedian who disappeared. Copies of

## Staff Recommends--BOOKS

### *Star of the Sea*

by Joseph O'Connor

"A ship full of emigrants, a paid killer walking the decks with murder on his mind...this book gives us another look at the desperation of many of the Irish refugees seeking hope in the new world. A fascinating and horrifying look at the Irish famine."

MM/Reference

### *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

by Sherman Alexie

"Arnold Spirit (Junior) is an unforgettable character. This book is in turns wacked-out, funny, heartbreaking, and joyful. And don't miss the great cartoons!"

JB/Reference

### *Gloria*

by Keith Maillard

"For Gloria, at 20 the girl who has everything - brains, beauty, money, and social position - the next step should be marriage to the wealthy young man who is crazy about her. But Gloria isn't sure...The time, place, people, and especially Gloria herself come alive in this fascinating glimpse of an era that came abruptly to an end with the advent of the '60s."

LP/Reference

the *Book of Illusions* is available for check-out at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 12, Wed. from 10am-Noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

### HIGHLAND CRIME WATCH MEETING

Nov. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm The Highland Police will hold their bi-monthly crime watch meeting here at the library. No registration required.

### CROSSROADS

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank, in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library, is hosting a free monthly program for seniors. Call 972-733 for more details and to register. Refreshments are served.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Nov. 17, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we visit North Dakota, a place of subtle beauty and legendary icons of the American West. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 2pm Participants will learn the basics of using the mouse including "moving" and "clicking" efficiently. Registration is required.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 7pm Join us as we discuss *Working Girl*, the first book in the Brock and Poole series by Graham



Ison, which finds the two detectives investigating the murder of a prostitute in London's West End. Copies are available for checkout at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN: *THE EDDY DUCHIN STORY*

Nov. 24, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm Tyrone Powers stars in this feature film as Eddy Duchin, the famous pianist/bandleader of the 1930s and 40s. Shown on the big screen with refreshments served. Please register.

### COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC COMPUTERS

Nov. 25, Tues. at 2pm This class will teach beginners about the keyboard, the desktop, and how to create a simple word processing document. Registration is required.



## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.

942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 11, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### BOOK CHAT

Nov 18, Tues. at 2pm A novel by Lisa See, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* is about 19<sup>th</sup> century China and the start of a lifelong friendship between two young girls. The book will be available for checkout after Oct. 21.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.

962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

### MEDICARE GUIDELINES FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 11am Jenny Lynn, RN, Case Manager from Miller's Merry Manor will give a presentation on things you need to know when choosing a skilled nursing facility.

### QUILTING BEE

Nov. 14 & 28, Fri. from Noon to 4pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 20, Thurs at 1:30pm Join us in the discussion of this *Books to Bridge the Region* selection: *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson. The discovery of a World War II German

submarine off the coast of New Jersey leads to adventure, death, and mystery.

### CITIZENSHIP CLASSES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, Mon. from 6:30pm to 8pm Classes to become a United States citizen will be taught by volunteers from the International Community Alliance on these four consecutive Mondays. Please register by calling the library.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 25, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

All branches of the Lake County Public Library  
will observe regular operating hours  
Veteran's Day - November 11, 2008

## Highlighting the Life and Times of:

### DANIEL BOONE

Daniel Boone was born on November 2, 1734, near present-day Reading, Pennsylvania, one of 11 children of a family of Quaker farmers. At age 12, Daniel began hunting and developing the woodland skills that eventually led him to devote his life to the exploration of his country. He surveyed and helped build the Wilderness Road, gateway to the West for great numbers of settlers. He was a crack shot, saving many from Indian attacks with his favorite rifle, Tick-Licker. Still, he was interested in and sympathetic to the Indians, particularly the Shawnee, who adopted him, giving him the name "Big Turtle." In fact, so close were his ties to his adopted people that many of his co-leaders on the frontier during the American Revolution suspected him of treasonous sympathy with the Indians. Because of his lengthy hunting and trapping expeditions he gained a reputation as a solitary misanthrope, but in reality he was devoted to his wife Rebecca and their 10 children. He died on September 26, 1820, in St. Charles County, Missouri, at the age of 85, continuing to hunt and explore until the very end. Daniel Boone is one of America's best-known heroes, embodying such frontier virtues as love of adventure, reverence for the wilderness, and bravery in the face of misfortune.

A display of materials highlighting the life and times of Daniel Boone will be found on the Upper Level during the month of November.

*The Long Hunter: A New Life of Daniel Boone* by Lawrence Elliott (B BOO ELLI)

*Daniel Boone: The Life and Legend of an American Pioneer* by John Mack Faragher (B BOO FARA)

*Boone: A Biography* by Robert Morgan (B BOO MORG)

*Pioneers of the Old Southwest: A Chronicle of the Dark and Bloody Ground* by Constance Lindsay Skinner (976.0099 SKIN)

*Blazing the Wilderness Road with Daniel Boone in American History* by Carl R. Green (976.902 GREE)

*That Dark and Bloody River* by Allan W. Eckert (977 ECKE)





## Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

### DTV CONVERSION

Nov. 5, Wed. at 7pm This educational seminar presented by a representative from Radio Shack will help community members prepare for the upcoming digital television (DTV) transition that will take place in February of 2009.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Nov. 10, Mon. at 1:30pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills, including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Nov. 11, Tues. at 1:30pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Nov. 12, Wed. at 1:30pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as how to navigate the library's own website. Please register.

### A NIGHT AT THE OPERA: PORGY & BESS

Nov. 12, Wed. at 7pm Joan Krengel of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Porgy and Bess* by George Gershwin. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

### COMPUTER CLASS: E-Z E-MAIL

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 1:30pm Get started using free, web-based e-mail. Find out how to establish an e-mail account. The class will also cover sending, receiving, reading, replying, and forwarding messages. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 20, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

### EXPLORE: SINGAPORE

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm Picture a place where the ancient traditions of the Orient mingle with the hi-tech world of the future – an island with a harmonious blend of cultures. *Panorama Singapore* shows Singapore as the wonderfully diverse city it is.

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 7pm The "Great Books Reading & Discussion Program" includes the best that has been thought

and written in the Western tradition. These classics are specially chosen by University of Chicago's Hutchins & Adler for their ability to stimulate meaningful discussion. Readers are invited to a discourse of *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* by Friedrich Nietzsche, a selection from the *Fifth Series* of



## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

### Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.  
322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

### COMPUTER CLASS: DABBLE WITH DATABASES

Nov. 1, Sat. at 1pm Have you ever wondered how to use the library databases? Well now is the time to see what we have to offer and how these fun, information helpers work. Registration is required.

### INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES

Nov. 3, Mon. at 1pm Antonio is an ordinary man without direction or ambition. Maria is a single mother whose life is slipping out of her control. As Antonio is drawn into Maria's fragile situation, he discovers a sense of hope for which they both might not yet be ready. *Light of My Eyes* is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In Italian with English subtitles. Runtime: 113 minutes.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Nov. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, and view the latest cross-stitch magazine issues and books.

### TWILIGHT PARTY

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm Fans of the *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer will enjoy a variety of activities based on the books and the upcoming movie. The dress code is red, black, and white, and only teen readers (11 to 17 years of age), who have finished *Breaking Dawn*, will be allowed in "the spoiler zone" to talk about the final book in the series.

### STAMP CAMP

Nov. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies provided. Registration is required.

### Wii GAMING FOR SENIORS

Nov. 19, Wed. at 2pm Impress your grandchildren with your gaming skills on *Wii*, the popular new electronic games. Participate in bowling or tennis at your library. Refreshments will be served.



## VIRTUAL TOURISTS: SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Nov. 19, Wed. at 7pm Virtual tourists will see the wealth, opulence, and romantic spirit of Mozart's birthplace in a 50-minute video of Salzburg, Austria. Refreshments will be served.

## OPEN GAMING

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 6pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will enjoy open play on *DDR* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance*

## St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

## OPEN GAMING

Nov. 3, Mon. at 6pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will enjoy open play on *DDR* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution* on PlayStation. Be sure to bring a pair of socks. A variety of board games will also be available. Please register.

## CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Nov. 4, Tues. at 10:15am Steep yourself in a Washington insider's murder mystery by Elliott Roosevelt. In *Murder in Georgetown*, Eleanor Roosevelt does not agree with the police that the mistress of a Treasury Board member murdered him.

## Wii GAMING FOR SENIORS

Nov. 5, Wed. at 2pm Impress your grandchildren with your gaming skills on *Wii*, the popular new electronic game. Participate in bowling or tennis at your library. Refreshments for all. Please register.

## SIT & KNIT

Nov. 5 & 19, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

## STAMP CAMP

Nov. 17, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity. Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials due at the time of class. Registration required.

## BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Nov. 18, Tues. at 1:30pm The actor who played Perry Mason had a personal life as enigmatic as the mysteries his character solved. Watch an A&E video biography about Raymond Burr. Refreshments served. Please register.



Coupon Book Sale continues at **all**  
Lake County Public Library locations

The Golden Opportunity Coupon Books are available for \$25 and the Entertainment Coupon Books are offered at \$20. Both books have a unique set of discounts for all types of lifestyles.

All locations of the  
Lake County Public Library  
will be closed  
**November 27.**

Regular operating hours will resume  
**Friday, November 28.**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

## Upcoming Holiday Closing:

All Lake County Public branches closed  
in observance of the winter holiday  
on  
**December 24 and 25.**

On **December 31** all branches will  
close at **5 p.m.**

**Closed:**

**New Year's Day, January 1, 2009**

Regular operating hours return January 2.

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## Gifts and Tributes

Throughout the year Lake County Public Library receives generous donations in the form of a tribute gift. Donations are received as memorials, in honor of a special person, book from local authors, and materials from our local service organizations. We would like to thank those who have made a tribute gift from July through August.

Brendan Ryan	Albanese Candy Company
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Tri Kappa/Sharon Merrifield	Munster Garden Club/Maria McCay
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Town of Dyer	Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society/Martha Latko
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Munster Branch Staff	

## Wild about Harry?

Bummed out that the new Harry Potter film won't be opening in November?

Can't wait until the  
July 2009 opening?

To keep the magic going, check out the previous Harry movies at any of the LCPL branch libraries.

To date Lake County Public Library has loaned the Harry Potter movies over 17,500 times!



**BFF 4EVR**

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will listen to stories and participate in activities that deal with the importance of friendship. Please register at ext. 360.

**PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS**

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 4pm Participants, kids in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, will hear excerpts from the exciting *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* series, play games, and make a craft. Please register at ext. 360.



# Happenings Jr. @ your library Children's Programming NOVEMBER 2008

**CALUMET TOWNSHIP****Black Oak Branch**[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will celebrate reading as we hear the story of *Stone Soup* and make a pot of our own to sample. Please register.

**Forty-First Avenue Branch**[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATION**

Nov. 1, Sat. at 2pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited for a *Dia De Los Muertos* celebration. They will learn about the traditional Mexican holiday play games, make a craft, and sample some Mexican sweet bread. Please register.

**TOTALLY 2s & 3s**

Nov. 7, Fri. at 11am Games, songs, and a pumpkin craft are in store for 2 and 3 year olds. Please register.

**DUCK FOR PRESIDENT AND OTHER DOREEN CRONIN STORIES**

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 4pm To celebrate *Children's Book Week* we will spotlight Doreen Cronin, author of *Duck for President*, and other great children's books. School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will also play some games and make a craft. Please register.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Nov. 18, Tues. at 11am Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit program

**Griffith Branch**[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK BEARS**

Nov. 7 or 11, Fri. at 10:30am or Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy bear tales for *Children's Book Week* and make a caged bear to take home. Please register.



Griffith Branch...continued

## NOVEMBER CHILLS

Nov. 11, Tues. at 6:30pm The lightening flashes, the wind howls...it's *Children's Book Week* and tales meant to give you chills will be told to kids 11 years of age and older. Please register.

## SCARY STORIES FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm School age children, kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, will enjoy stories that are scary and not so scary for *Children's Book Week*. Please register.

## SATURDAY MORNING WITH THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN

Nov. 15, Sat. at 10:30am Children of all ages will use paper, material, and paint to create their own version of Washington Irving's classic headless horseman after hearing the story *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* to end *Children's Book Week*. Children under 5 years of age will need adult help with the craft. Please register.

## SUPER TOT THANKSGIVING

Nov. 17, Mon. at 10:30am Toddlers, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy the story *Thanksgiving Mice* by Bethany Roberts and make a Pilgrim mouse. Please register.

## HARRY POTTER AND HALF BLOOD PRINCE

Nov. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm Here's your chance to read the book before the movie is released in July 2009. Readers of all ages are welcome to join us for an informal discussion of *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince*. We will even discuss what parts we think will not make it into the film. Please register.

Cedar Lake Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)  
10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121

## SNACK & PLAN

Nov. 3, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age), will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer time.

## MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Nov. 6, 13, 20, Thurs. at 10:30am Babies and toddlers (infants to 36 months of age) accompanied by a caregiver, will participate in stories, nursery rhymes, finger plays, and music activities during this three-week session.

## CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Nov. 11, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy books, songs, a video, and a craft as we celebrate Lake County Public Library's *Children's Book Week*.

## CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories from around the world and a craft as we celebrate Lake County Public Library's *Children's Book Week*.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICKEY!

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy books, songs, a video, and a craft as we celebrate Mickey Mouse's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

## M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy books, songs, a video and a craft as we celebrate Mickey Mouse's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

## HOLIDAY MAGIC

Nov. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm Participants will celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with stories, crafts, and a movie. They may make an ornament for the library tree, too!

## GAME FEST

Nov. 25, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will enjoy open play and may compete in a tournament. Play *DDR*, *Guitar Hero*, and other *PlayStation* games, as well as *Wii* games. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun!



**Highland Branch**[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy this 30 minute interactive nursery rhyme program filled with rhymes, books, songs, and movement. Please register.

**HIDE & SEEK**

Nov. 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm 1,2,3....10, ready or not here I come! Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories and activities with a hide and seek theme. Please register.

**TEEN OPEN GAMING**

Nov. 8, Sat. at 2pm Teens, 11 to 17 years of age, are invited to gaming events at the library. Please register.

**CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

Nov. 15, Sat. at 10:30am School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will celebrate *Children's Book Week* by making a door hanger and having a book exchange. Children may bring up to 5 of their own gently used books to trade. Please register.

**JUMPING JAMBOREE**

Nov. 19, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will jump for joy during this story hour jam-packed with jumping stories and activities. Please register.

**HOBART TOWNSHIP****Hobart Branch**[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

100 N. Main St., 942-2243

**TODDLER STORYTIME**

Nov. 6 & 13, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will hear and participate in stories, nursery rhymes, songs, and finger plays. In this half-hour program, they will also make a simple craft.

**MONTHLY SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM: THANKSGIVING**

Nov. 6, Thurs. at 4:15pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will hear some Thanksgiving stories and make a Thankful Tree. Please register.

**MONTHLY PRE-TEEN PROGRAM: CREATIVE CLOTH BAGS**

Nov. 12, Wed. at 4:30pm Pre-teens, grades 4 through 6, will create their own cloth bag to take home. The bags will already be pre-sewn. Pre-teens will have fun choosing from a variety of materials to enhance their bags. They may also bring their own decorative items to apply. Please register.

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S LIBRARY WEEK PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Nov. 11, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or Nov. 12, Wed. at 10:30am In honor of National Children's Library Week, preschoolers, ages 4 & 5, will hear both new and award winning stories. They will also create their own unique bookmarks. This program lasts one hour. Children should be able to sit without their caregiver for the first half-hour. Caregivers will then join the children during the second half-hour for the craft. Please register.

**Important dates to remember:**

November 2, standard time returns to the region. Remember to reset you clocks. *Spring forward, fall back.*

November 11 is Veteran's Day. The Library will be open its regular hours.

November 27, Thanksgiving Day, all branches of the Lake County Public Library will be closed.



**Lake Station-New Chicago Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)  
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

#### **CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

Nov. 12, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will participate in *Children's Book Week* with a Library Scavenger Hunt that will celebrate the 1 year anniversary for the new Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Library.

#### **TIP TOP TWO's**

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

#### **PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME**

Nov. 19, Wed. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to take part in a holiday story time with stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

**Munster Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)  
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

#### **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD**

Nov. 6, Thurs. at 4:30pm The monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting is for teens age 12 and older. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. If you can't attend this month's meeting, feel free to submit ideas and suggestions – just contact Brittany Spencer at the library with your ideas. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

#### **TERRIFIC 2's & 3's**

Nov. 10 & 24, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute story time. Themes this month are: Elephants & Mice and Thanksgiving. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

#### **MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Nov. 12 & 26, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. This program begins promptly at 10:30am, but open playtime is available beginning at 10am. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

#### **OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO!**

Nov. 12, Wed. at 4pm It's *National Children's Book Week*! Children will hear *Buffalo Music* by Tracey E. Fern and *Owney, the Mail Pouch Pooch* by Mona Kirby, two fantastic new books! Participants are invited to bring their favorite book and will have a chance to talk about it. They will also create a reading mobile. The program is designed for kindergarten age or older, but pre-schoolers may attend with their parents.

#### **FANTASTIC 4's & 5's**

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to a Thanksgiving holiday story time this month, which includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

#### **LET'S GIVE THANKS**

Nov. 19, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten or older, will give thanks with some of our favorite story characters. We will look at numerous Thanksgiving stories as we discuss what we're thankful for and make a wonderful craft.

### **ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP**

**Dyer-Schererville Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)  
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

#### **MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Nov. 11, 18, 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 6:30pm Babies and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by their caregiver,



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# Children's Book Week



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**Dyer-Schererville Branch...continued**

ers, will enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, finger plays, songs, and activities. This is a three-week session and children are encouraged to attend one session each week. Please register.

**CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD**

Nov. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will "travel" to England to enjoy a "tea" while decorating cupcakes. In addition, they will learn to play *Tiddlywinks*. Please register.

**BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION**

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will hear the story *The Giant Carrot* by Jan Peck, in addition to other folk tales, and will design a bookmark. Please register.

**TWILIGHT PARTY**

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm Fans of the *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer will enjoy a variety of activities based on the books and the upcoming movie. The dress code is red, black, and white, and only teen readers (11 to 17 years of age), who have finished *Breaking Dawn*, will be allowed in "the spoiler zone" to talk about the final book in the series.

**YOUNG READERS**

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 11 and up, will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. They will discuss and review scary, horror, and mystery books which they have read. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for some library projects, which will also be discussed. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

**OPEN GAMING**

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 6pm Teens, 11 years of age and older, will enjoy open play on *DDR* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution* on *PlayStation* and *Wii*. A variety of board games will also be available.

**CHESS KNIGHT**

Nov. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced are invited to play chess, develop new strategies, and improve their skills on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Bring a friend and join the group. Please register.

**St. John Branch**     [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)  
9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

**OPEN GAMING**

Nov. 3, Mon. at 6pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, will enjoy open play on *DDR* with *Guitar Hero* and *Dance Revolution* on *PlayStation*. Be sure to bring a pair of socks. A variety of board games will also be available. Please register.

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**

Nov. 11, Tues. at 10:30am or Nov. 12, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to celebrate *Children's Book Week* with a variety of stories, including Dr. Seuss's *Fox in Socks*, finger plays, musical activities, and make a "Smell My Sock" sachet. Please register.

**STAMP CLASS**

Nov. 15, Sat. from 1pm to 2pm To celebrate *Children's Book Week*, children ages 8 and older will enjoy creating projects with Stampin'Up! There is a \$3 fee due at the time of class to cover the cost of materials that will be provided. Registration is required.

**PRE-SCHOOL THANKSGIVING**

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10:30am or Nov. 19, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy stories, finger plays, musical activities, and create a craft in celebration of Thanksgiving. Please register.

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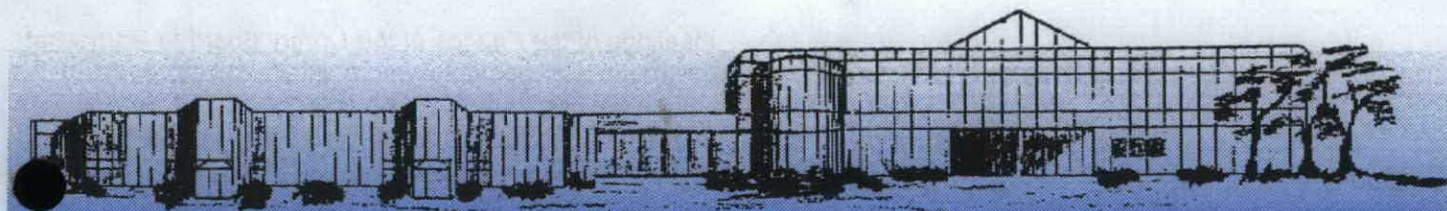
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# LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

## DECEMBER 2008 HAPPENINGS@your library

### All I really need, I got from the library

I stumbled across a copy of Robert Fulgham's *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* while I was in our book sale room the other day. It's been 20 years since Fulgham wrote that bestseller, but his philosophy on life simply based from the rules he learned in Kindergarten will probably always ring true. Some of Fulgham's ideas are to play fair, clean up your own mess, and share everything.

One rule not mentioned in his book is that you must go out and spend money on every single person you know at the holidays. I don't know where this rule came from, but I'm with Fulgham. Let's keep it simple here, people. My mom (and probably yours) always said that the best gifts were the ones that we made ourselves.

The library is a great source to help think of gifts to make. Using a subject key word(s) search on the catalog "knitting video" reveals 11 different videos and DVDs about knitting. Along those lines, there are 9 crocheting videos and DVDs. Knitting and crocheting aren't your thing? Try creating something with pictures. A subject key word(s) search for "scrapbooks video" will bring up 7 different titles to choose from and "digital photography video" yields 5 different titles to help you get started.

The library can help with other simple gift-giving ideas, as well. Back to Fulgham's kindergarten-style, I suggest giving your family a book of homemade gift certificates good for movie night at home. Your certificates can have different themes to please each member of the family, "Chick-Flick night for Mom"

and "Schwarzenegger night for Dad," etc. Movies checked out on a Friday don't need to be returned until prior to the branch opening on Monday morning, and they are FREE TO BORROW, so you might as well check out your limit! (10 per card).

Feeling brave? Do some armchair traveling. Send your family on an all expenses paid STAY-CATION! Decide on the destination, and then search the library catalog to see what's available. May I suggest the Caribbean? A subject key word(s) search for "Caribbean travel video" gives you over 30 titles to choose from. Put on your Bermuda shorts and sunglasses and enjoy the islands from the comfort of your own home!

You can always give your family the gift of health. Don't go out and spend big money on a gym membership—the library has hundreds of workout DVDs available for all ages and fitness levels. A subject key word(s) search for "exercise video" will give you over 500 different titles to choose from!

Let's vow to a Fulghamian holiday season this year. Let's keep it simple and not break our bank accounts. The library can help with your holiday needs—whatever they may be. We are friendlier on your wallet, and I guarantee you'll be able to find a parking space!

Julie Bradford  
Assistant Head of Audio Visual Department

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### Library Holiday Closing:

**Wednesday, December 24**  
and

**Thursday, December 25,**  
all branches of the  
LCPL district will be **closed** to  
celebrate the holiday season.

**Wednesday, December 31,**  
all branches of the library system will **close at 5 p.m.**

**Thursday, January 1, 2009,**  
LCPL district will be **closed**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Normal operating hours  
resume Friday, January 2.  
Please check with your local  
branch or LCPL's website  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
for operating hours.



## Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.  
769-3541

Merrillville, IN 46410  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

### BOOKreMARKS ONLINE DISCUSSION

Dec. 1 to 31 Humor and reflection are employed to convey the story of a pastor's search for balance amid the commercial and spiritual preparations for Christmas. Begin your holiday preparations by reading the 84-page novella, *Christmas in Harmony* by Philip Gulley. To join the discussion, send an email to [remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us](mailto:remarks@lakeco.lib.in.us). For more information about the online book discussions visit <http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/remarks.htm>.

### MITTEN TREE

Dec. 1 to 19 The Lake County Public Library, in cooperation with the Visiting Nurses Association, will be collecting brand new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for those in need in our community. Donations may be dropped off anytime during open library hours.

### GENEALOGY COMPUTER DATABASE SEARCHING

Dec. 2, Tues. from 10am to Noon Join our Indiana Librarian for a fun class featuring our trio of Genealogy subscription computer databases: *Ancestry Online*, *Heritage Quest Online*, and *ProQuest Obituaries*. Learn how to search for your ancestors in censuses, family histories, vital records, and more. Genealogy begins at home. So bring your ancestor's names, dates, and places. You'll be surprised how easy it is to search these databases. Seating is limited. Please call ext. 334 to register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 3, Wed. from 10:30am to 11:30am The Spring Mill Health Campus will provide free blood pressure screening.

### COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Dec. 3, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Beginning computer users will learn basic skills including how to hold, move, and click a mouse effectively. Please register at ext. 346.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETING

Dec. 9, Tues. at 1pm Everyone is invited to the bi-monthly

meetings of the *Friends of the Library* Board to learn what this group is all about. For more details call ext. 317.

### COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Dec. 10, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Participants will learn how to find information on the internet through popular search engines, as well as the library's own website. Please register at ext. 346.

### CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 6:15pm Best of the Year – Your Favorites! Here's your opportunity to share your favorite book(s) of the past year. Please join us for a lively discussion, refreshments, and a peek at the books we'll be talking about in 2009. Please register at ext. 340.

### COMPUTER CLASS: THE LIBRARY CATALOG

Dec. 17, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm Learn how to locate books, magazines, and audio-visual materials, along with how to place requests and renew borrowed items. The skills you acquire in this class will help you to use our online catalog with confidence in the library or from your home. Please register at ext. 346.

### CHRISTMAS BELLS MUSIC PROGRAM

Dec. 17, Wed. at 2:30pm Enjoy your favorite Christmas carols on the hand-bells and piano! Get into the spirit of Christmas as you sing along with your favorite holiday songs. Refreshments will be served.



## CALUMET TOWNSHIP

### Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave.  
844-8809

Gary, IN 46406  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about [Happenings@yourlibrary](mailto:Happenings@yourlibrary).

### Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave.  
980-5180

Gary, IN 46408  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

### HOLIDAY FAMILY NIGHT

Dec. 5, Fri. at 4pm Families will celebrate the holidays with stories, games, and a movie. We'll also have cookies and hot chocolate. Please register.

### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm When one of his small town's leading citizens is killed in an apparent bear attack, Lakota Deputy Sheriff Steve Martinez becomes suspicious and launches an unofficial investigation. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *Season's Revenge* by Henry Kisor.

### READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



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## Ask a Librarian

**Q:** I heard that Native Americans kept track of the seasons by naming the full moons. Can you get me a list of the names?

**A:** These are names of the full moons used by the Algonquin tribes from New England to Lake Superior:

January Full Wolf Moon  
February Full Snow Moon  
March Full Worm Moon  
April Full Pink Moon  
May Full Flower Moon  
June Full Strawberry Moon  
July Full Buck Moon  
August Full Sturgeon Moon  
September Full Harvest Moon  
October Full Hunters Moon  
November Full Beaver Moon  
December Full Cold Moon

Answer from the *Farmers Almanac*

### TEEN GAME NIGHT

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4pm Kids, 11 to 17 years of age, are invited to play *Wii* and *PS2* games. Please register.

### Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St.  
838-2825

Griffith, IN 46319  
[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

### BOOK CHAT

Dec. 17, Wed. at 7pm When 16 year-old Hallie drops out of school, loses her savings at the track, runs away from home, and then is accused of robbery, it seems things have nowhere to go but up. Homeless and short of cash, she takes a job as "yard person" for the quirky Stocktons and winds up finding the family she's always wanted. Join us for dessert and informal discussion of *Beginner's Luck* by Laura Pedersen.



### Cedar Lake Branch

10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
374-7121

Cedar Lake, IN 46303  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)

### SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 1, Mon. at 5pm Members of the T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join, 12 years of age and up, will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger. Participants earn volunteer time.

### CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!

Dec. 6, Sat. at 1pm Teens, 12 to 17 years of age, will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for

the library holiday programs. Create, eat, have fun, and earn volunteer time.

### HOLIDAY MANIA

Dec. 8, Mon. at 4pm Teens, 11 and older, will eat, play a variety of games, and make and win prizes and gifts to celebrate the season. In addition, *PlayStation* games with a holiday theme will be available.

### HISTORY VIDEO SERIES: JESUS, HIS LIFE

Dec. 9, Tues. at 2pm Viewers will enjoy an inspiring account of the life of Jesus of Galilee - from His birth in Bethlehem to His final days and crucifixion. Explore the mysteries and myths of His miraculous life and legacy. Walk the Holy Lands and hear His words. Discover new archaeological findings that are yielding fresh insights into the life and times of one of the most celebrated and revered figures in history.

### STAMP CAMP

Dec. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm Learn to make beautiful, hand-made cards and paper craft items. Spend just an hour expressing your creativity with Jane of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on projects created with rubber stamps and coordinating accessories. Bring your favorite adhesive and scissors. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Registration is required.

### GAME FEST

Dec. 16, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 and older, will enjoy open play and may compete in a tournament. Play *DDR*, *Guitar Hero*, and other *PlayStation* games in addition to a variety of games on *Wii*. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun.

### BOOKS AND CHAT

Dec. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm Readers will discuss *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. Anna was born to save her ailing, older sister. After countless surgeries, she begins to question who she is and wants to live a life apart from the purpose her parents intended. This novel explores the controversial issues of the rights of a child and the rights of parents to dictate the lives of their children.

### TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME: ISRAEL TODAY

Dec. 23, Tues. at 2pm Israel is a thorough blend of the ancient and modern, the religious and secular, dramatic deserts and spectacular seashores. Walk along the Sea of Galilee. Visit Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Learn about important Jewish sites such as the "Wailing Wall," Masada, Yad Vashem. Marvel at Islam's Dome of the Rock and Dead Sea, Beersheba, Tel Aviv, and Netanya, among others. Refreshments will be served.

### SNOW DAY

Dec. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will make snow sculptures with a variety of materials, including, hopefully, snow! Enjoy stories and other fun activities. Hot chocolate will be served.

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## Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St.  
838-2394

Highland, IN 46322  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)

### MITTEN TREE

Dec. 1 to 19 The Highland Branch Library, in cooperation with the Visiting Nurses Association, will be collecting brand new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for those in need in our community. Donations may be dropped off anytime during open library hours.

### HISTORY VIDEO: JEAN HARLOW

Dec. 1, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm This biographical film examines the life of Jean Harlow, the dynamic blonde who earned the critic's favor by using her beauty and brains to score at the box office. Refreshments will be served.

### COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 3, Wed. at 6:30pm Enjoy Christmas stories, games and music as we sample Christmas Cookies and share the recipes with others. Please submit a copy of your recipe by Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> to ensure time to duplicate and compile all the recipes. Participants must bring three (3) dozen homemade cookies of the recipe submitted. Registration is required.

### STAMP CAMP

Dec. 4, Thurs. at 6:30pm Stampin'Up! representative, Melissa Sullivan-Krenkel, will demonstrate how to create several paper products with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee, due at the time of class, to cover the cost of materials provided. Registration is required.

### GORDON WILDER TRAVELOGUE

Dec. 8, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm Gordon Wilder of Highland will share his slides of the eternal city, Rome. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 10, Wed. from 10am-Noon A nurse from Calumet Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening.

### CROSSROADS

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 10:30am First Financial Bank in co-sponsorship with the Highland Branch Library will host "Senior Sounds of Music," a talented group of individuals who will act, sing, and provide a delightful holiday event. Refreshments will be served. Call 972-7353 to register.

### ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS: ALASKA

Dec. 15, Mon. at 2pm or 6:30pm Join us as we discover the beauty of Alaska's Mt. McKinley, Pack Creek Bear Preserve, and Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. We will learn about the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, the Alaska State Fair, and Anchorage's Farmer's Market, all viewed on the library's big screen. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## Staff Recommends--BOOKS

### *The Invisible Man* by H. G. Wells

"An intense young scientist makes himself invisible, expecting to escape certain social responsibilities and exercise some power over other humans because they can't see him. When he finds that all is not rosy in the life of an invisible human, he can't return to visibility."

SA/Systems

### *The Sound of Us* by Sarah Willis

"Content with her life alone except for a cat named Sampson, Alice Marlowe, a woman in her late forties, makes her living as a sign-language interpreter for the deaf until a beautiful, terrified, six-year-old girl comes into her life."

IMN/Administration

### *Sword Song: The Battle for London* by Bernard Cornwell

"Bernard Cornwell pulls you into the year 885 from the first paragraph to the last. Do not miss this series, which begins with *The Last Kingdom*!"

MM/Reference

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Dec. 22, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm *Libeled Lady* is a fast paced comedy starring Myrna Loy as an heiress who sues a newspaper editor, Spencer Tracy, for libel. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

### CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Dec. 29, Mon. at 2pm & 6pm *Little Women* is the classic Louisa May Alcott story of the March sisters. Shown on the big screen, this feature film stars Winona Ryder, Claire Danes, and Susan Sarandon. Refreshments will be served.



## HOBART TOWNSHIP

### Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St.  
942-2243

Hobart, IN 46342

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 9, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.

### A HOLIDAY GIFT!

Dec. 10, Wed. at 6pm The entire family is invited to come



to the library to make a holiday gift: Snowman Soup! Hot chocolate and snacks will be served. Please register.

### COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 15, Mon. at 1pm It's time for that traditional holiday event: A Cookie Exchange. To participate, bring at least two dozen cookies, along with copies of the recipes to share with others. Please register no later than Dec. 8.

### BOOK CHAT

Dec. 16, Tues. at 2pm In Jodi Picoult's *Plain Truth*, the discovery of a dead baby under a pile of old blankets in Aaron Fisher's barn sets off a scandal in Amish country and an investigation that could implicate his 18 year old daughter.

### Lake Station-New Chicago Branch

2007 Central Ave.  
962-2409

Lake Station, IN 46405

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)

### CITIZENSHIP CLASSES @ YOUR LIBRARY-CONTINUES

Dec. 1, 8, 15, Mon. from 6:30pm to 8pm Classes to become a United States citizen continues to be taught by volunteers from the International Community Alliance. Please register by calling the library.

### QUILTING BEE

Dec. 12 & 26, Fri. from Noon to 4pm Quilters of all skill levels are invited to attend this monthly quilting bee to learn new techniques, share tricks of the trade, and meet new friends. Please bring quilting supplies and fabric.

### AFTER SCHOOL GAMING: Wii WANT TO PLAY!

Dec. 19, Fri. from 3pm to 9pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, can put that homework aside and spend time at the library playing *Guitar Hero* and *Wii* games. Or, bring *Wii* or *PS2* games to share (be sure games are appropriate for all ages). Refreshments will be provided.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 23, Tues. from 1pm-3pm Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening.



### Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave.  
836-8450

Munster, IN 46321

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)

### A NIGHT AT THE OPERA: MADAMA BUTTERFLY

Dec. 3, Wed. at 7pm Barbara Debolt of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera *Madama Butterfly* by Giacomo Puccini. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera. Musical highlights will accompany the presentation.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Dec. 4, Thurs. at 1:30pm Readers are invited to a discussion of *The Dogs of Babel* by Carolyn Parkhurst. Discovering clues that indicate his beloved wife may not have died accidentally, Paul Iverson begins a perilous search for the truth while attempting to teach his dog, who witnessed the crime, to communicate.

### BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 18, Thurs. from 10am to Noon Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening.

### Highlighting the Life and Times of:

#### CHARLES DICKENS

What would Christmas be without *A Christmas Carol*? This most memorable Christmas tale of all time truly captures the spirit of the holiday. Its author, Charles Dickens, born in 1812, is considered the greatest novelist of the Victorian period and one of the most popular writers of all time. Born in Portsmouth, England, he grew up in London, and many of the events and people in his books are based on events and people in his life. He was forced to work in a factory for a brief time during his teens, a miserable experience which forever shaped his outlook on the world. In his 20s he became a newspaper reporter, which provided him with a wealth of interesting experiences as well as honing his naturally keen powers of observation. Dickens' first book, *Sketches by Boz*, was published in 1836, but it was his second, *The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club*, that made him famous. Dickens wrote 20 novels, as well as sketches, travel books, and other nonfiction works. His books are noted for their masterful plotting, great variety of vivid characters, and humor, but most especially for their attacks on social evils, injustice, and hypocrisy. Dickens died in 1870.

A display of materials on the life and times of Charles Dickens will be found on the Upper Level during the month of December.

*Dickens* by Peter Ackroyd (B DIC ACKR)

*Charles Dickens* by Jane Smiley (B DIC SMIL)

*What Jane Austen Ate and Charles Dickens Knew: From Fox Hunting to Whist, the Facts of Daily Life and Nineteenth-Century England* by Daniel Pool (820.9008 POOL)

*Charles Dickens A to Z: The Essential Reference to His Life and Work* by Paul B. Davis (823.8 DAVI)

*The Friendly Dickens: Being a Good-Natured Guide to the Art and Adventures of the Man Who Invented Scrooge* by Norrie Epstein (823.8 EPST)

*Life in Charles Dickens' England* by Diane Yancey (823.8 YANC)



## **EXPLORE: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND & MONTREAL**

Dec. 18, Thurs. at 2pm and 7pm Prince Edward Island is Canada's smallest and greenest province. Cradled on the waves of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the island is best known for the vivid colors of its gently rolling landscape, and is surrounded by miles of sandy beaches and red sandstone cliffs, just right for touring. Take a tour of Montreal, visit the Point-a-Calliere Museum, cycle in the city, and so much more.



## **ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP**

### **Dyer-Schererville Branch**

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy.

322-4731

Schererville, IN 46375

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)

### **INDEPENDENT FILM SERIES: HAWAII, OSLO**

Dec. 1, Mon. at 1pm Five stories about love are interwoven in Oslo, Norway. A young couple has their first child, two children search for their mother, Leon hopes to keep a 10-year-old date with his teenage sweetheart, and Leon's brother gets a weekend leave from prison. Touching everyone is Vidar, who sees things no one else can see. *Hawaii, Oslo* is for mature audiences and has not been rated by the MPAA. Adults only. In Norwegian with English subtitles. Runtime: 124 minutes.

### **CHRISTMAS BELLS**

Dec. 1, Mon. at 7pm *Families of Destiny* will play holiday carols on hand-bell and piano. Individuals and families are invited to enjoy the performance and sing along to their holiday favorites.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY CRAFTERS**

Dec. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Join other crafters for an evening of crafting, conversation and relaxation. Share your projects and ideas and view the latest crafting magazines and books.

### **BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB**

Dec. 3 or 4, Wed. at 7pm or Thurs. at 10:15am Set in the glittering, vibrant New York City of 1950, *Lucia, Lucia* is the enthralling story of a passionate, determined young woman whose decision to follow her heart changes her life forever. Readers will discuss Adriana Trigiani's entertaining novel.

### **THE GIFTS OF WINTER**

Dec. 8, Mon. at 10am Beginning today, wrapped gift packages of specially-selected library books are waiting for you. Give yourself and your family a surprise gift this winter. Packages will be available for check-out through January 17, 2009.

### **WINTER WARM-UP**

Dec. 8, Mon. from 2pm to 4pm Stop by the library for a warm beverage, a treat, and a wrapped gift package of specially-selected library books to check-out and curl up to read by the fire.

### **STAMP CAMP**

Dec. 9, Tues. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa of Stampin' Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of supplies provided. Registration is required.

### **VIRTUAL TOURISTS: SOUTH DAKOTA**

Dec. 17, Wed. at 7pm In South Dakota they don't just carve stones, they carve entire mountains. Virtual tourists will visit Mount Rushmore, the Crazy Horse Memorial, Laura Ingalls Wilder's childhood home, and much more in a one hour travel video. Refreshments will be served.

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## **The LCPL Foundation's 25th annual Read-a-Thon will be here before you know it!**

All children, from pre-school age through 8th grade, are invited to participate in what has become a traditional campaign promoting literacy in the Lake County Public Library district. The event runs for six weeks, from January 12 through February 20, as the youngsters read as many books as they can and seek parents, family, friends, and neighbors to sponsor their efforts.

At the end of the six weeks, the child begins collecting pledges and turns them in to the school librarian. Home-schooled youngsters bring their pledge envelopes to their library branch librarian.

Every child participating receives recognition with a trophy to award the energy they put into reading. The top eight earners in each of the Lake County Public Library's eleven branches also receive a book store gift card.

In addition, each participating school receives one-third of the proceeds raised by their students for their libraries. The Read-a-Thon last year included 1,325 students with more than \$19,000 returned to their school library. The remainder of the pledging is used by the Lake County Public Library Foundation providing materials and equipment.

For more information, contact your school or your local library branch.



## St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr.  
365-5379

St. John, IN 46373  
[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

### KNIT & KNIT

Dec. 3 & 17, Wed. from 6pm to 8pm Bring your knitting, stitching, or crochet project and gather with others who have a common thread. All levels welcome.

### HOLIDAY STAMP CAMP

Dec. 8, Mon. at 6:30pm Spend an hour expressing your creativity with Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan of Stampin'Up! Participants will work on a few projects created with rubber stamps. There is a \$5.00 fee to cover the cost of materials and is due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

### CRIMINAL'S CORNER

Dec. 9, Tues. at 10:15am *The Perfect Murder* is a unique mystery written by five writers. Tim seeks the help of five popular mystery writers to plan the murder of his rich wife – a murder that is perfectly conceived!

### BIG SCREEN BIOGRAPHY

Dec. 16, Tues. at 1:30pm For over 50 years Mother Teresa dedicated her life to the poorest of the poor. This holiday season you'll be inspired by an A & E video biography of her extraordinary life. Refreshments served. Please register.

For 22 years, Dorothy Bishop has been an enthusiastic employee for the Lake County Public Library. As a Reference Librarian, she has answered thousands of questions for patrons, lead hundreds of book discussions, and has helped develop the library's collection... and her storytelling is beyond compare! Dorothy has been an integral member of the staff that helps make this library flourish with knowledge. We wish her much happiness with her future plans and are truly grateful for everything she has done for the library.



LCPL Reference Librarian, Dorothy Bishop

Happy Retirement, Dorothy!

### Holiday closing:

**Wednesday, December 24 and  
Thursday, December 25,**

all branches of the  
Lake County Public Library district  
will be **closed** to celebrate the  
holiday season.

**Wednesday, December 31,**  
all branches of the **library system**  
will close at 5 p.m.

**Thursday, January 1, 2009,**  
LCPL district will be closed  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Normal operating hours will resume  
Friday, January 2.

Please check with your local branch or  
LCPL's website [www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)  
for operating hours.

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**The Library's Mission:** The purpose of the Lake County Public Library is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

## Tap Into The Library's Resources

Residents in the Lake County Public Library district can tap into the library's reference resources through a one-hour personalized tutoring session.

View international and archived newspapers, professional journals, magazines, encyclopedias, biographies, business and investment reports, health and medicine books, antique values, auto repair manuals, ancestral records, and over 2,000 full-text books.

You'll learn how to research a prescription drug, get stock quotes, look up phone numbers, find census records, take practice SAT or GED exams, find legal forms, discover new authors, and explore thousands of other possibilities through the library's research link.

Call 769-3541, ext. 389 to arrange an appointment.

## Coupon Books On Sale At Lake County Public Library Locations

Whether going to the grocery store or planning a special night out – so many ways to save! The Golden Opportunity Coupon Books are available for \$25 and the Entertainment Coupon Books are offered at \$20. Both books have a unique set of discounts for all types of lifestyles. Take a look at the sample books at the circulation desk.







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**Central Library**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)

1919 West 81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Merrillville 769-3541

## **PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Dec. 8, Mon. at 10am or 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will hear holiday stories and make an ornament. Please register.

## **CHRISTMAS WITH MOTHER GOOSE**

Dec. 9, Tues. at 10am or 11am Little ones, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by their caregivers, will have fun singing holiday and Mother Goose songs, playing bells, and hearing a Christmas story. Please register.

## **EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS IN CAMELOT**

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grades, will listen to excerpts from the Mary Pope Osborne book *Christmas in Camelot*. You'll be transported back to the time of King Arthur's Court and the Knights of the Round Table. The children will make a craft and play games that will help Jack and Annie on their quest to bring the joy back to Camelot. Please register.

## **CALUMET TOWNSHIP**

### **Black Oak Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/blackoak.htm)

5921 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary 844-8809

### **HERE COMES SANTA**

Dec. 9, Tues. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will have fun listening to holiday stories and making a holiday decoration for their own Christmas tree.

### **SPARKLING HOLIDAY**

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to make a special, glittering ornament for the holidays. Please register.

### **Forty-First Avenue Branch**

[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/fortyfirst.htm)

3491 West 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Gary 980-5180

### **HOLIDAY FAMILY NIGHT**

Dec. 5, Fri. at 4pm Families will celebrate the holidays with stories, games, and a movie. We'll also have cookies and hot chocolate. Please register.

### **PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Dec. 9, Tues. at 4pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a Christmas celebration with stories, games, and a craft. Please register.

### **TEEN GAME NIGHT**

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4pm Kids, 11 to 17 years of age, are invited to play *Wii* and *PS2* games. Please register.

### **A CHRISTMAS CAROL**

Dec. 13, Sat. at 3pm School age children, kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, will join in a celebration of this Charles Dickens classic Christmas tale with reading, songs, games, treats, and a craft. Please register.

### **NATURE CLUB CHRISTMAS**

Dec. 16, Tues. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will join the Nature Club to celebrate Christmas with stories, games, treats, and green ideas for the holidays, including "eco friendly" wrapping paper. Please register.



**Griffith Branch**[www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in/griffith.htm)

940 N. Broad St. 838-2825

**BOOK TALKING**

Dec. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Calling all fans of Stephenie Meyer books for an informal, yet enthusiastic discussion of *Twilight*. Read the book before you see the movie and we'll explore your thoughts.

**MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE**

Dec. 15, 22, 29, Mon. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers, 6 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy a lap-sit program utilizing the rhymes and rhythms of Mother Goose. Please register.

**PRE-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SPECIAL**

Dec. 16 or 19, Tues. at 1pm or Fri. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will use construction paper to create a "sassy" Santa to hang in their bedroom. Please register.

**PRE-TEEN CHRISTMAS CRAFT**

Dec. 16, Tues. at 6:30pm Young adults, 11 years of age and older, will turn napkins and Styrofoam balls into Christmas tree ornaments. Please register.

**ANGEL ORNAMENT**

Dec. 17, Wed. at 3:30pm After hearing a story about a very special visit, school age children, kindergarten and up, will make an angel ornament for their family Christmas tree. Please register.

**GUITAR HERO & DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION**

Dec. 23, Tues. from 1pm to 3pm Kids of all ages can come to the library for some interactive fun! Test your guitar gaming skills against friends, or dance the afternoon away!

**SATURDAY MORNING WITH HANS BRINKER & THE SILVER SKATES**

Dec. 27, Sat. at 10:30am After going through a chapter from the book, *Hans Brinker & the Silver Skates*, children of all ages (6 and under will need the help of an adult) will turn CDs into a skating pond for a skater. Please register.

**Wii**

Dec. 30, Tues. from 1pm to 3pm Kids of all ages are invited for an afternoon of gaming with the newest in technology – *Wii*. Come on in and test your skill.

**Cedar Lake Branch**[www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm)10010 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Ave., 374-7121**SNACK & PLAN**

Dec. 1, Mon. at 5pm Members of T.A.B., Teen Advisory Board, and those wishing to join (12 to 17 years of age) will eat, play games, and plan programs for teens and younger kids. Participants will earn volunteer hours.

**GINGERBREAD GOODNESS**

Dec. 2, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a time of stories, songs, a short video, and a craft to prepare for Christmas.

**CHOCOLATE GALORE & MORE!**

Dec. 6, Sat. at 1pm Teens, 12 to 17 years of age, will make a variety of chocolate candy for themselves and for the library holiday programs. Create, eat, have fun, and earn volunteer time.

**HOLIDAY MANIA**

Dec. 8, Mon. at 4pm Teens, 11 and older, will eat, play a variety of games, and make and win prizes and gifts to celebrate the season. In addition, *PlayStation* games with a holiday theme will be available.

**BOOKS & BABIES**

Dec. 9 & 23, Tues. at 10:30am Infants and toddlers (to age 23 months) accompanied by a parent or caregiver, will enjoy 15 minutes of play group, followed by 15 minutes of short stories, music activities, and rhymes.

**CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD**

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy stories, a craft, and a treat as we celebrate the Christmas season.



## WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dec. 16, Tues. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will enjoy a time of stories, songs, a short video, and a craft to prepare for Christmas.

## GAME FEST

Dec. 16, Tues. at 3:30pm Teens, 11 and older, will enjoy open play and may compete in a tournament. Play *DDR*, *Guitar Hero*, and other *PlayStation* games in addition to a variety of games on *Wii*. Food and pop will be provided. Join the fun.

## SNOW DAY

Dec. 29, Mon. at 6:30pm All ages will make snow sculptures with a variety of materials, including, hopefully, snow! Enjoy stories and other fun activities. Hot chocolate will be served.

## GAME DAY

Dec. 30, Tues. from 3pm to 5pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will enjoy playing *DDR*, *Guitar Hero*, and *Wii*, in addition to other traditional board games.

Highland Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm)  
2841 Jewett St., 838-2394

## FAMILY PRE-SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Dec. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Special holiday stories will be featured along with songs, activities, and a holiday craft for pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Please register.

## BUSY BEES HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Dec. 3, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm Special holiday stories for 3 to 5 year olds will be featured, along with songs, activities, and a holiday craft. Please register.

## SCHOOL AGE HOLIDAY CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Dec. 6, Sat. from 10am to 1pm and Dec. 9, Tues. from 6pm to 8pm School age children, kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, may choose from a wide variety of crafts and gifts to make for the holiday season. Items will be on display. There is a fee for each craft, dependant on what material is used. Directions for the crafts are in writing, though younger children may need an adult's help. Children may make more than one item as time permits.

## TODDLER'S CHRISTMAS TALES

Dec. 8, Mon. at 10:30am Two year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will enjoy Christmas stories and related activities during this 30 minute, lap-sit program. Please register.

## HOBART TOWNSHIP

Hobart Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hobart.htm)  
100 N. Main St., 942-2243

## TODDLER HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Dec. 4 & 18, Thurs. at 10:30am Toddlers, 2 and 3 year olds, accompanied by a caregiver, will hear and participate in holiday stories, songs, and finger plays. This half-hour program will also include making a simple craft. Please register.

## HOLIDAY PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Dec. 9, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm, or Dec. 10, Wed. at 10:30am Pre-school age children, 4 and 5 year olds, will hear and participate in holiday stories, songs, and finger plays in addition to creating a paper bag reindeer puppet. Please register.

## A HOLIDAY GIFT!

Dec. 10, Wed. at 6pm The entire family is invited to come to the library to make a holiday gift: Snowman Soup! Hot chocolate and snacks will be served. Please register.

## HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4:15pm School age children, kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, will hear holiday stories and create paper bag luminaries. Please register.

## PRE-TEEN CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

Dec. 17, Wed. at 4:30pm Pre-teens, ages 9 through 13, are invited to create their own felt stockings. All materials will be provided. Feel free to bring more decorative materials if you wish. Teens, ages 14 to 18, are also welcome to participate. Please register.



Lake Station-New Chicago Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/lakestation.htm)  
2007 Central Ave., 962-2409

### HOLIDAY MAGIC

Dec. 10, Wed. at 6pm School age children, kindergarten and up, are invited to make a holiday craft. Please register.

### TIP TOP TWO's

Dec. 16, Tues. at 10:30am Children, 18 to 35 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to this lap-sit story time. Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

### PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Dec. 17, Wed. at 1pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, are invited to take part in a holiday story time. Included will be stories, songs, finger plays, and a craft. Please register.

### AFTER SCHOOL GAMING: *Wii* WANT TO PLAY!

Dec. 19, Fri. from 3pm to 9pm Teens, 11 to 17 year olds, can put that homework aside and spend time at the library playing *Guitar Hero* and *Wii* games. Or, bring *Wii* or *PS2* games to share (be sure games are appropriate for all ages). Refreshments will be provided.

**Munster Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm)  
8701 Calumet Ave., 836-8450

### FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Dec. 2, Tues. at 10:30am Children, ages 4 and 5, are invited to a seasonal story time that includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

### LET IT SNOW!

Dec. 3, Wed. at 4pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will listen to seasonal folktales, have a chance to talk about their holiday traditions, and make a holiday craft.

### SNACK & PLAN

Dec. 4, Thurs. from 4:30pm to 5:30pm The monthly Teen Advisory Board meeting is for teens age 12 and older. Attendees will have a chance to help plan upcoming events and/or sign up to be a volunteer. If you can't attend this month's meeting, feel free to submit ideas and suggestions – just contact Brittany Spencer at the library with your ideas. Newcomers are always welcome. Refreshments will be served.

### TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Dec. 8, Mon. at 10:15am or 11:15am Children, ages 2 and 3, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our 30-45 minute seasonal story time. Each session includes stories, music, a craft, and other activities.

### MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

Dec. 10, Wed. at 10:30am Children from 6 to 23 months of age, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to our Mother Goose sessions which include rhymes, chants, songs, stories, and movement activities geared to help early childhood development. This program begins promptly at 10:30am, but open playtime is available beginning 10am. It's never too early to start reading to your baby.

### RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

Dec. 22 & 23, Mon. & Tues. from 9am to 1pm Children, ages 11 to 15, will learn to be a certified babysitter by taking this 8 hour class. Individuals must attend both 4 hour sessions in order to complete the certification process. Participants should bring paper, writing utensil, water, and personal snack. A birth certificate is required for class enrollment. There is a \$30 non-refundable fee due at the time of registration payable to the Red Cross. Registration is open from December 1 through 20, only; no late registrations permitted. Call the library if you need further details.

## ST. JOHN TOWNSHIP

Dyer-Schererville Branch [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm)  
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy., Schererville, 322-4731

### BUILDING WITH LOWE'S

Dec. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm Come build with Lowe's! School age children, kindergarten and up, will put on a carpenter's apron and goggles, choose a wood-project-kit, and use the hammers and nails provided. The building experts will guide the project to completion. Registration is required.



## CRAFTS & COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

Dec. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm School age children, kindergarten and up, will travel to Germany as they sample food, hear ethnic music, play various games, and create a wreath or calendar. Please register.

## YOUNG READERS

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 6:30pm Young Readers, ages 11 and up, will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. During the December meeting, the Readers will discuss and review books that they have read to younger children, or enjoyed when they were younger. Young Readers can earn volunteer hours for some library projects. Refreshments will be served. Please register.

## CHESS KNIGHT

Dec. 22, Mon. at 6:30pm All school age children (kindergarten and older) from beginners to advanced are invited to play chess, develop new strategies, and improve their skills on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Bring a friend and join the group. Please register.

**St. John Branch** [www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm)

9450 Wicker Ave., 365-5379

## HOLIDAY STAMP CLASS

Dec. 13, Sat. at 1pm School age children, 8 years of age and older, will create a few projects with Stampin'Up! consultant, Melissa Krenkel-Sullivan. There is a \$3 fee per child to cover the cost of materials due at the time of the class. Registration is required.

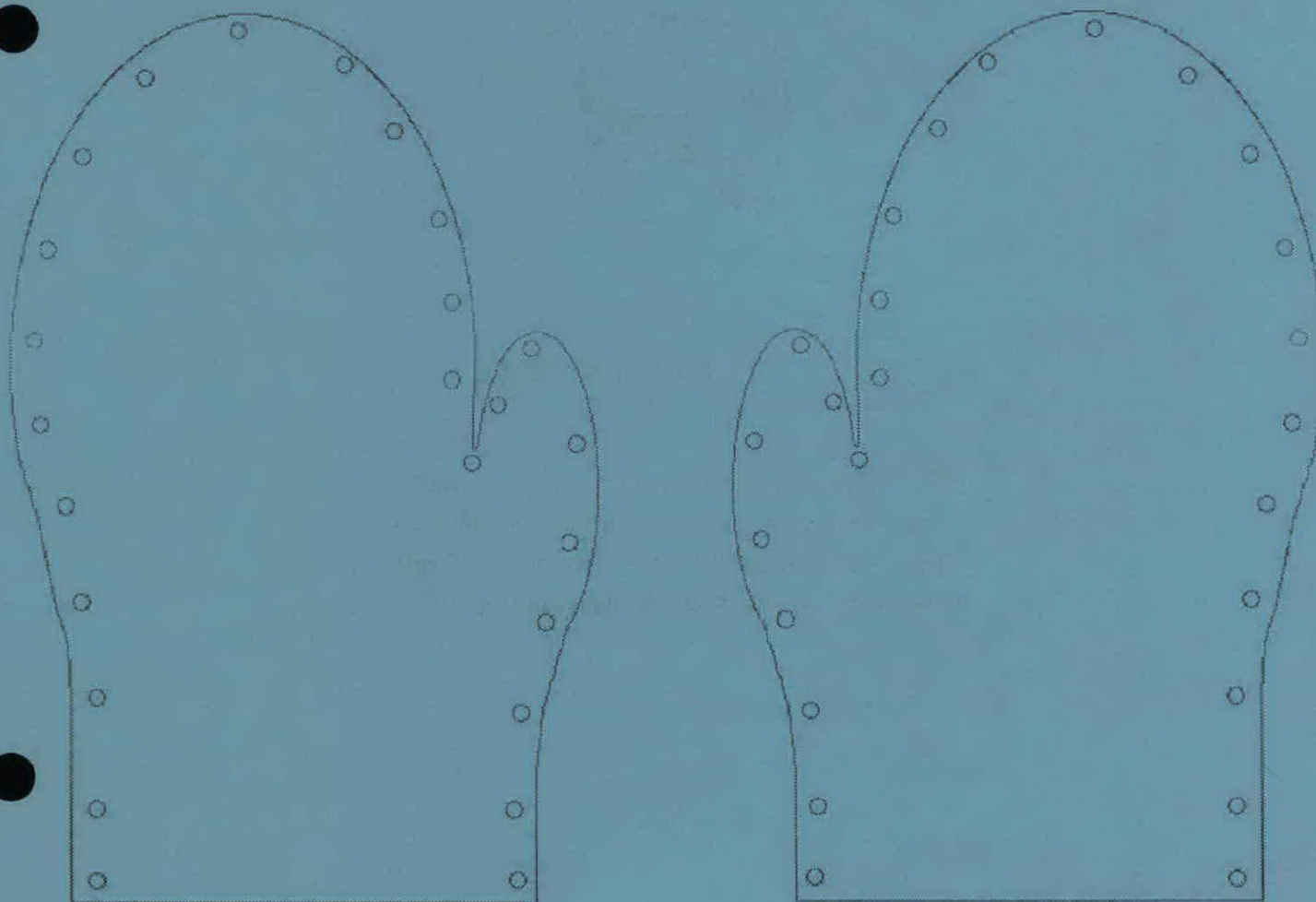
## HOLIDAY FUN

Dec. 16, Tues. at 10:30am or Dec. 17, Wed. at 1:30pm Pre-school age children, 3 to 5 year olds, will celebrate the holidays with stories, songs, finger plays, and make a craft. Please register.

## Let's Get Reading

This month our activity revolves around the book *THE MITTEN* by Jan Brett.

Below are 2 halves of a mitten, cut them out and sew them together - a hint - glue will work too.





**Important dates to remember:**

**Wednesday, December 24** and **Thursday, December 25**, all branches of the Lake County Public Library district will be **closed** to celebrate the holiday season.

**Wednesday, December 31**, all branches of the **library system will close at 5 p.m.**

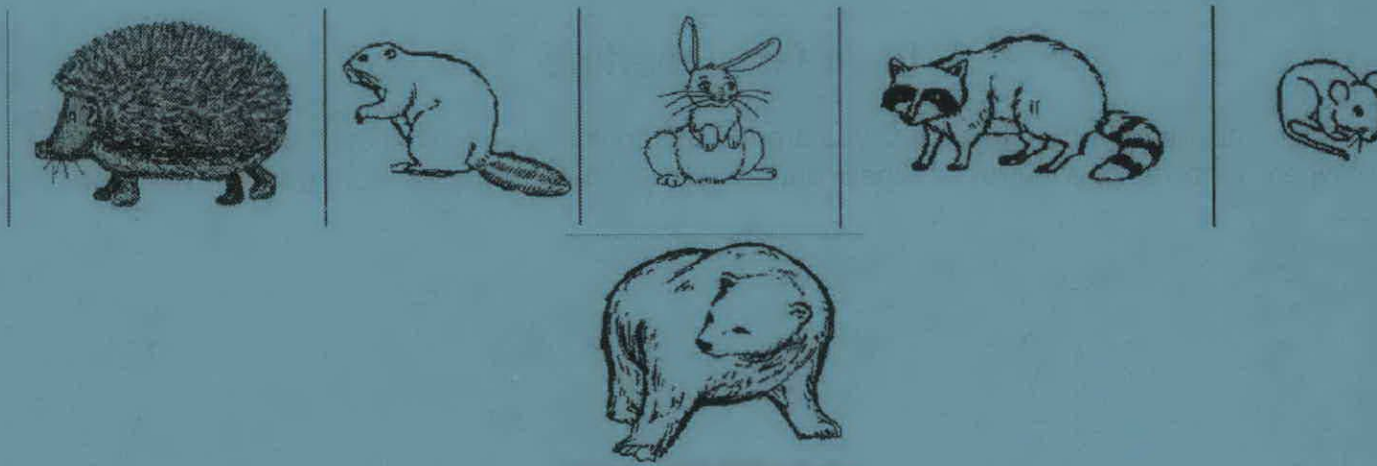
**Thursday, January 1, 2009**, once again the entire **LCPL district will be closed-HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Normal operating hours will resume Friday, January 2. Please check with your local branch or LCPL's website-[www.lakeco.lib.in.us](http://www.lakeco.lib.in.us)-for operating hours.

**Let's Get Reading continued**

How can you find white mittens lost in the snow? On a cold and snowy day young Nicki loses one of his pure white mittens and can't see it anywhere. Then one by one the forest creatures move into the wooly interior and snuggle together to keep warm. First came the mole, then a rabbit, and even a bear, pack in tightly! But when a mouse crawls in, his whiskers cause the bear to sneeze causing all of the animals to fly out. And as the mitten sails through the air, Nicki spots it. *The Mitten*, written and illustrated by Jan Brett weaves a wonderful tale sure to catch the imagination of all young children.

Be sure to check it out: *The Mitten* can be checked-out from our Children's non-fiction collection, call number 398.2094771 BRET.

Here are some of those animals to cut-out to stuff into Nicki's mitten.

**Mitten Animals**

As you continue to read the story, can you draw the owl, badger, and the fox to finish the story?  
Then read *The Hat* by Jan Brett (call number P BRETT) to see which one ends up wearing a stocking on his head!